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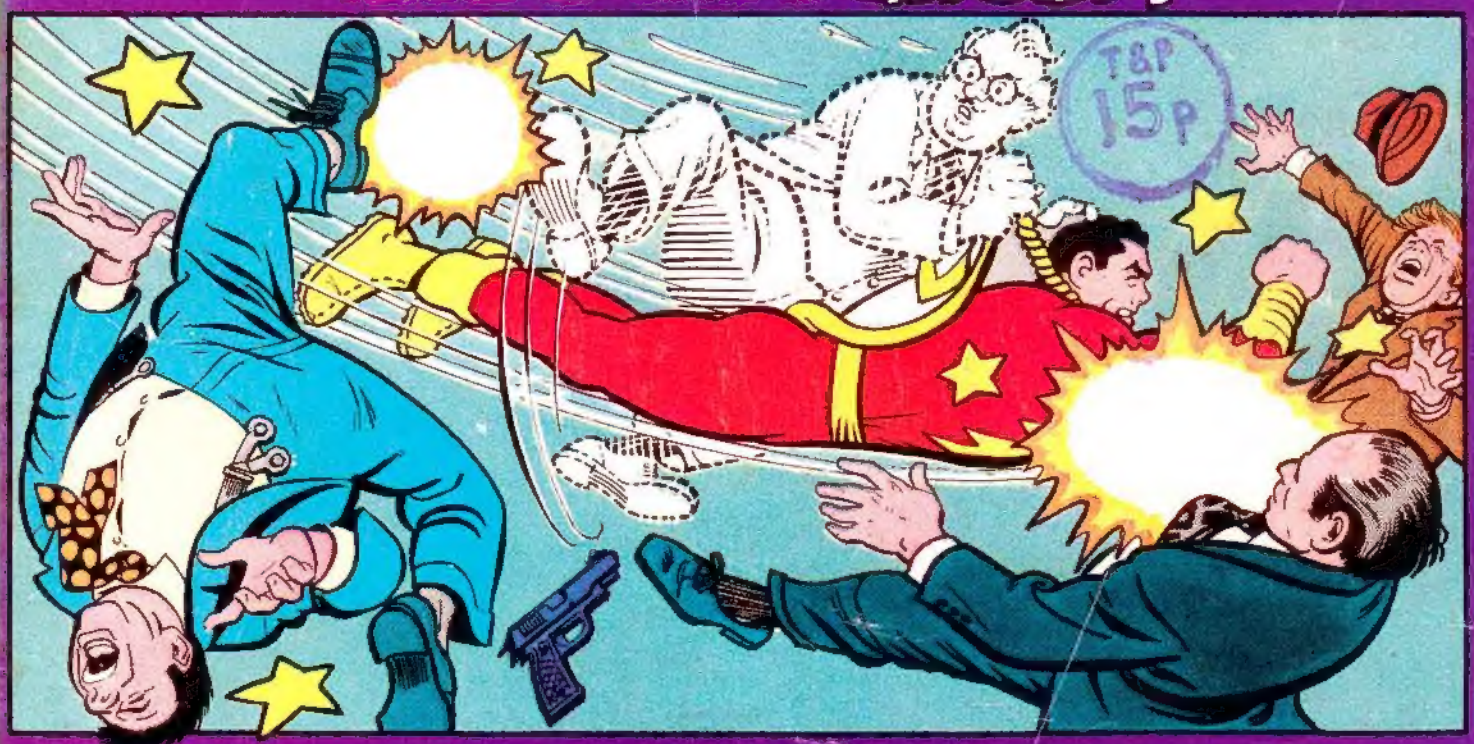

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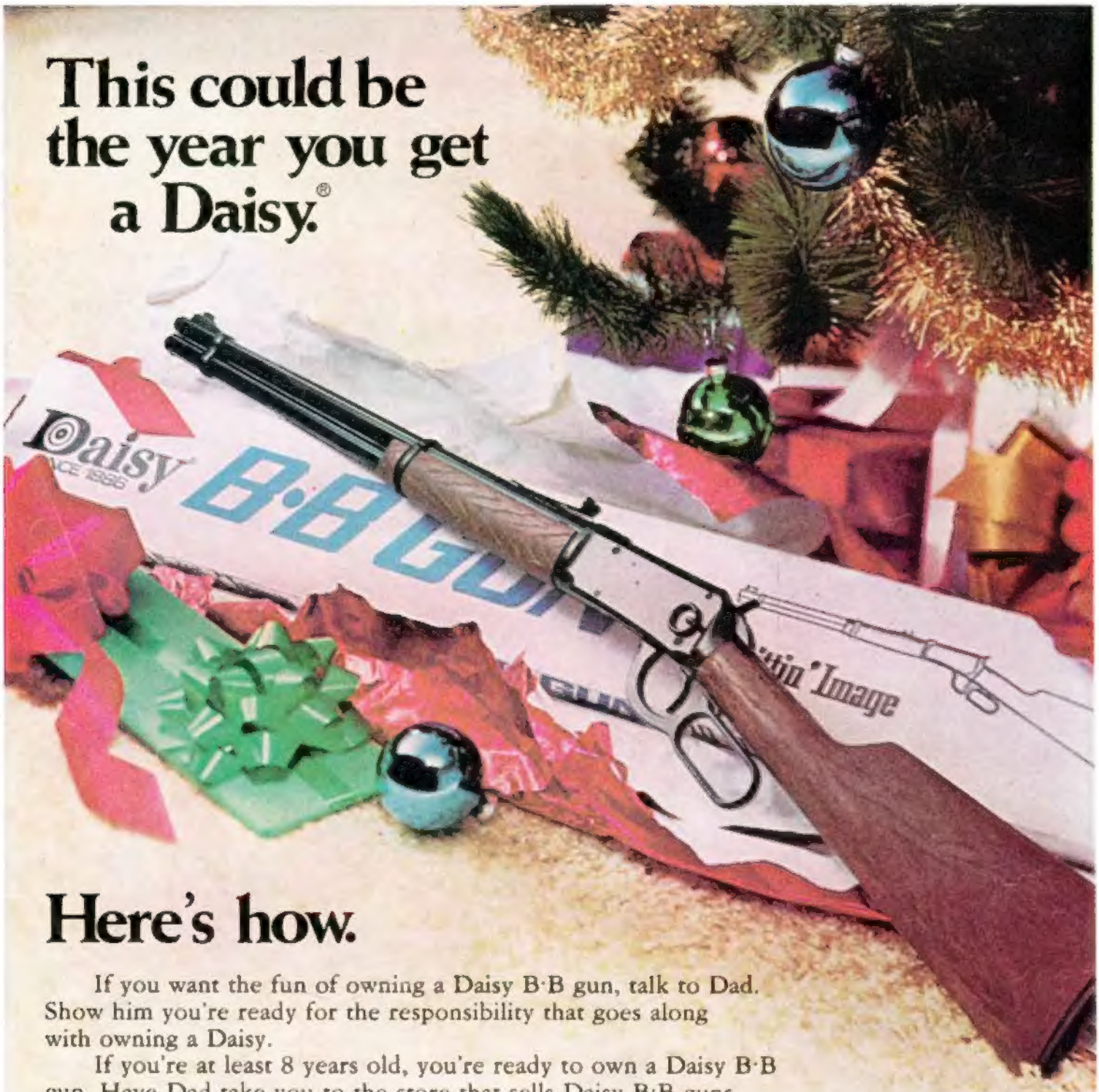

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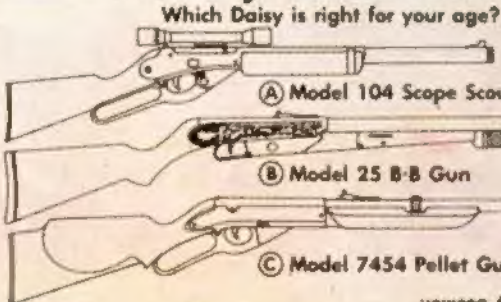

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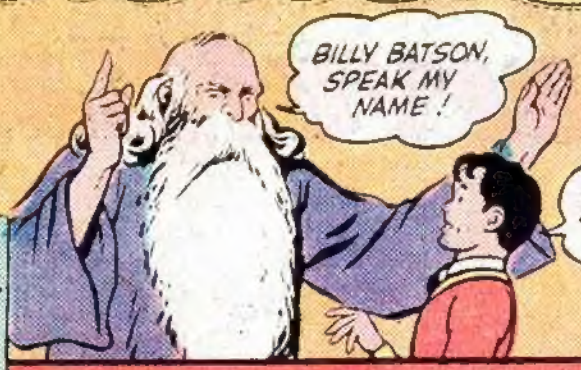

WHEN BILLY BATSON, BOY RADIO REPORTER, SPEAKS THE MAGIC WORD GIVEN TO HIM BY AN OLD SORCERER, HE IS INSTANTLY CHANGED TO THE **WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, CAPTAIN MARVEL!** THEN, WHEN EVIL IS DEFEATED AND JUSTICE RESTORED, THE SAME WORD CHANGES HIM BACK TO HIS BOY FORM ONCE MORE.

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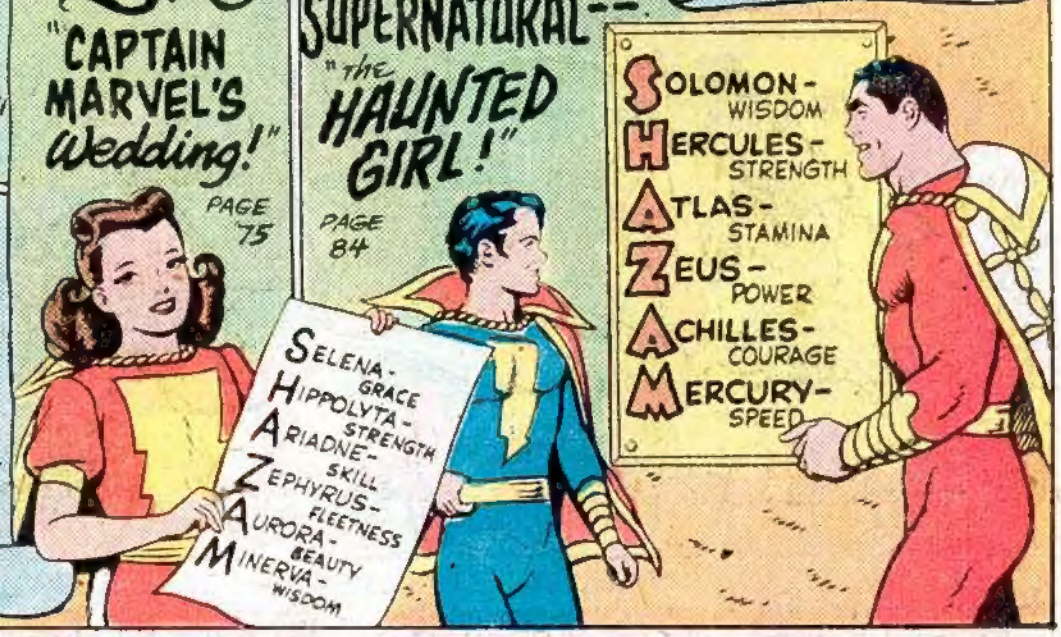

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STATION WHIZ HAS SHOWS ON JUST ABOUT EVERY SUBJECT... AND THE MARVEL FAMILY HAS HAD ADVENTURES THAT WOULD FIT ANY OF THEM!
SO THIS ISSUE, LET'S PUT OUR ADVENTURES ON THE TV-SCREEN...
AND NOW... SPACE-LANES... TALES OF SPACE-TRAVELERS FROM MANY WORLDS...
Space Lanes

The Marvel Family

FROM OTHER WORLDS THEY CAME... A TRIO OF ALIEN **MENACES**... COMPELLED TO **ROB EARTH** OF ITS TREASURES...

...BUT **WHAT** INCREDIBLE TREASURES... AND UNLESS THE **MARVEL FAMILY** CAN BRING ITS MIGHTY POWERS TO BEAR, OUR WORLD WILL BE **UN-SMOGGED**...**UN-CHOCOLATED** ...AND, WORST OF ALL -- **UNGREENED!**

THE **REASON:** A MAN NAMED **ALLEGRO SCRUFF** -- OTHERWISE KNOWN AS...

"THE PIED UN-PIPER"

STORY BY DENNY O'NEIL ART BY KURT SCHAFFENBERGER EDITED BY JULIUS SCHARTZ

THIS STORY STARTS AS BILLY BATSON ENDS HIS DAILY NEWSCAST OVER STATION WHIZ-TV...
... AND IT IS OUR OPINION THAT REMOVING MIRRORS FROM PUBLIC PLACES WOULD DO MUCH TO COMBAT THE "MENACE" OF VANITY IN OUR CITY!
WHIZ-TV
THAT WRAPS IT, BILLY! YOU'RE OFF THE AIR!
TERRIFIC EDITORIAL, BILLY--
WHIZ-TV
--YOU REALLY HIT 'EM WHERE THEY LIVE!
BILLY! FREDDY! LOOK WHAT JUST CAME IN ON THE NEWS-WIRE!
TAKE IT EASY, SIS!
I CAN'T--AND NEITHER WILL YOU, ONCE YOU READ THIS!
HOLY MOLEY! IT SAYS AN ARMY OF CRIMINALS IS MARCHING ON GREENVILLE!
OBVIOUSLY A JOB FOR THE MARVEL FAMILY! SAY THE WORDS, GANG!
SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
AS BILLY AND MARY BATSON UTTER THE NAME OF AN ANCIENT WIZARD, AND THEIR PAL FREDDY FREEMAN SAYS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, THERE IS A TRIPLE CRACK OF COSMIC LIGHTNING--
KRAAK!
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--AND INSTANTLY THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY IS ZOOMING OVER THE ROOFTOPS!
Editor's Note: TAWKY TAWNY, THE TALKING TIGER, HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS STORY -- BUT WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE HIM ANYWAY!

SHORTLY AT GREENVILLE...
THE NEWS REPORT WAS RIGHT! IT'S A MOB OF DIRTY HOODS--
--THUGS--
--RATS-- GANGING UP ON THAT OFFICER!

DON'T WORRY, OFFICER!
WE'LL HANDLE THESE MOBSTERS!

STOP! STOP!!
DID YOU SAY-- STOP?

EXACTLY! THESE GUYS AREN'T ATTACKING ME!
THEY'RE NOT?!
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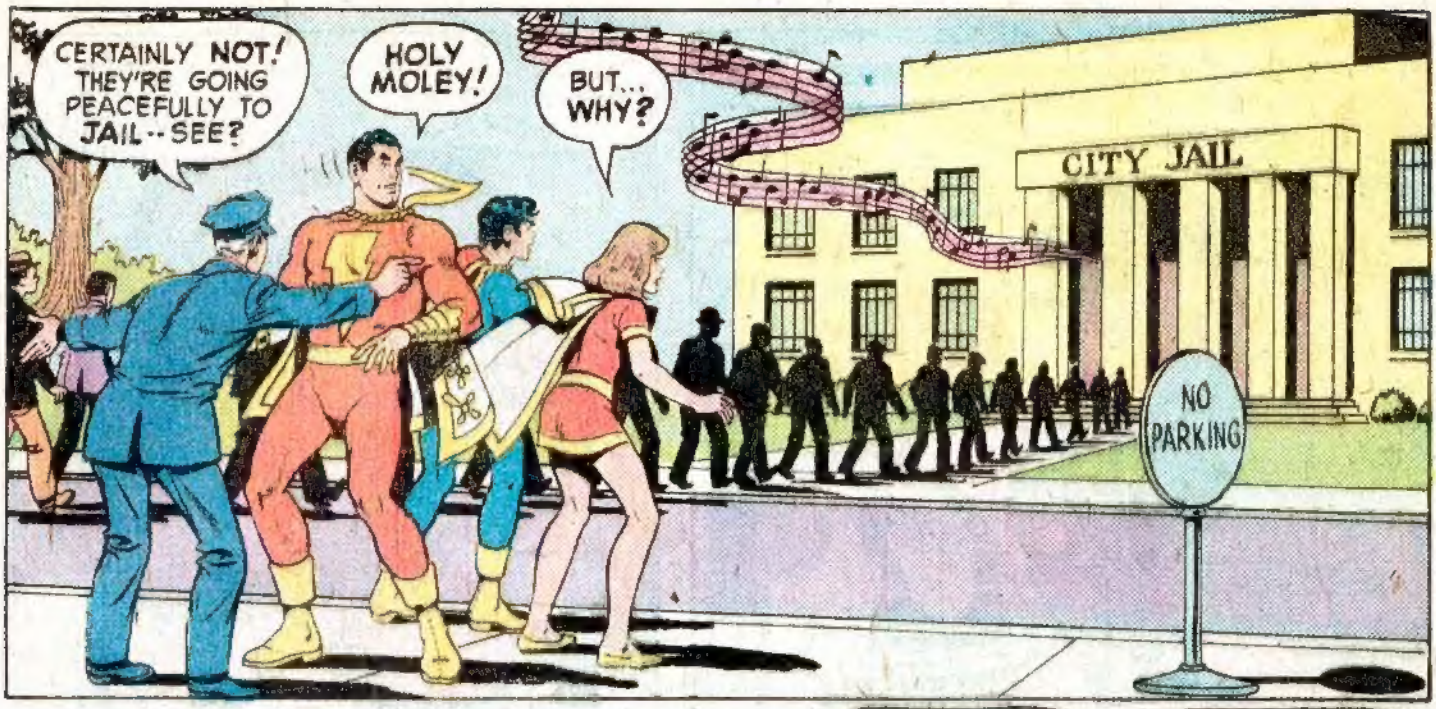
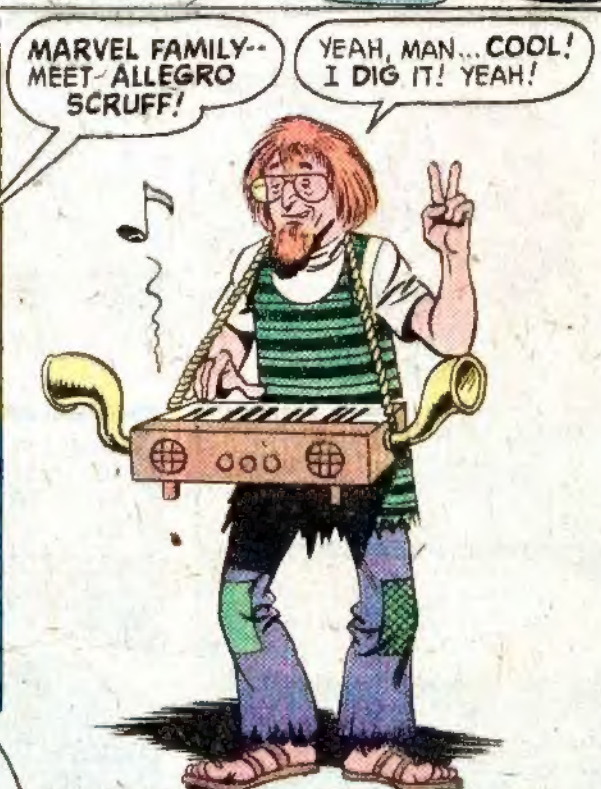
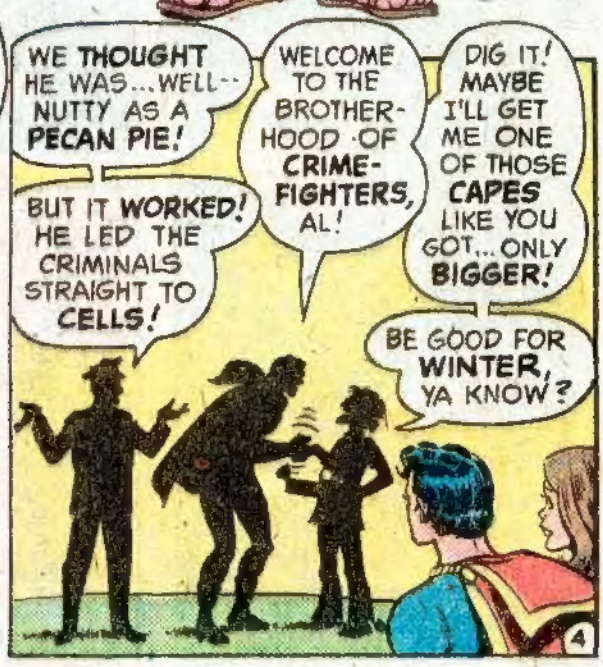

CERTAINLY NOT! THEY'RE GOING PEACEFULLY TO JAIL--SEE?
HOLY MOLEY!
BUT... WHY?
CITY JAIL
NO PARKING

HERE COMES THE ANSWER NOW!


MARVEL FAMILY--MEET ALLEGRO SCRUFF!
YEAH, MAN... COOL! I DIG IT! YEAH!

AL'S A MUSICIAN--A SORT OF MODERN PIED PIPER! ONLY HE USES A DIFFERENT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT!
YEAH, TRUE! I WAS... YA KNOW... NOODLIN' AROUND ONE DAY AN' I DISCOVERED I COULD MAKE BAD GUYS FOLLOW MY SOUND...
HE OFFERED TO RID THE CITY OF CRIME WITH THAT ...THING OF HIS!
...LIKE AN ACCIDENT, YA KNOW?


WE THOUGHT HE WAS... WELL-- NUTTY AS A PECAN PIE!
WELCOME TO THE BROTHER-HOOD OF CRIME-FIGHTERS, AL!
DIG IT! MAYBE I'LL GET ME ONE OF THOSE CAPES LIKE YOU GOT... ONLY BIGGER!
BUT IT WORKED! HE LED THE CRIMINALS STRAIGHT TO CELLS!
BE GOOD FOR WINTER, YA KNOW?
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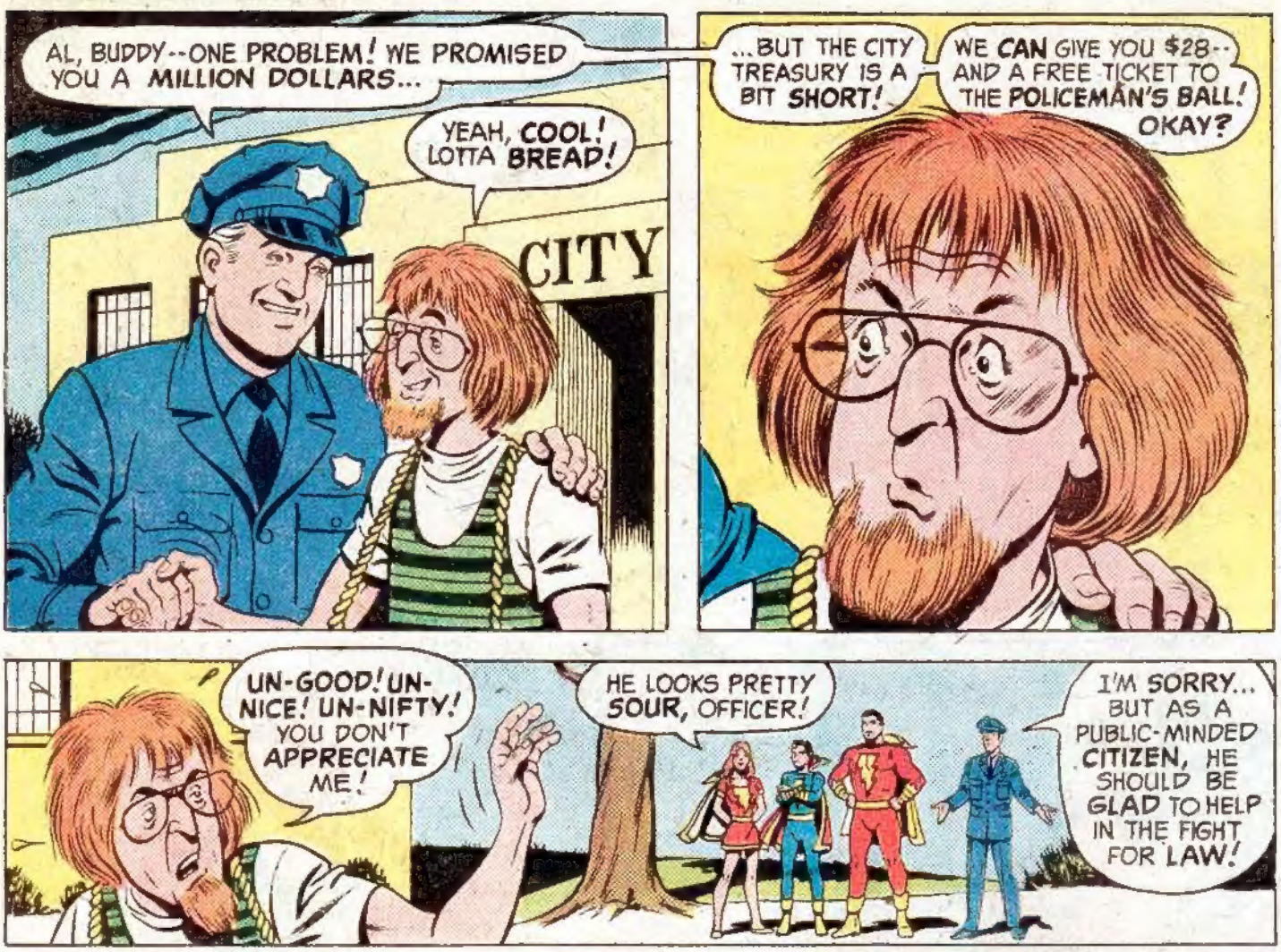
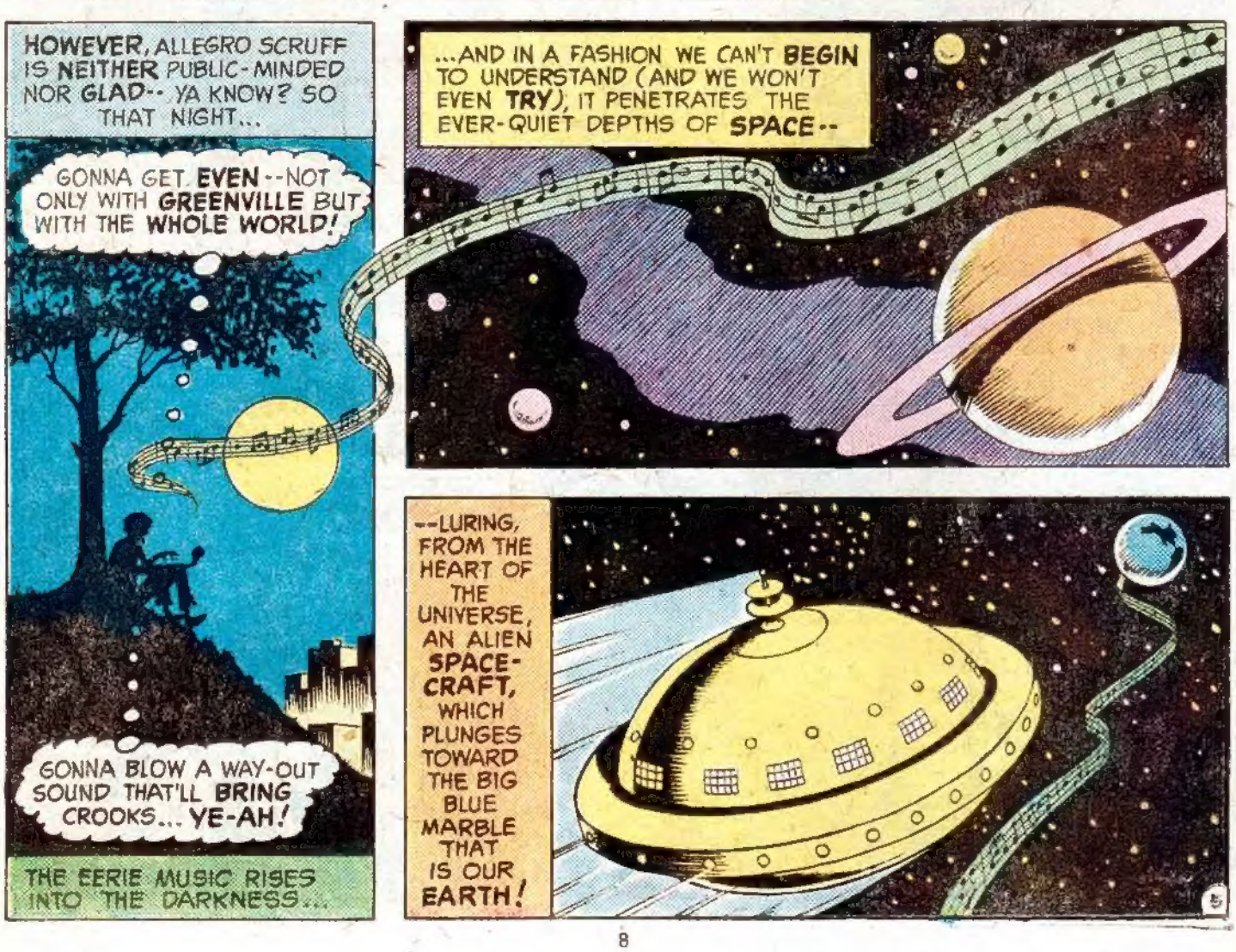
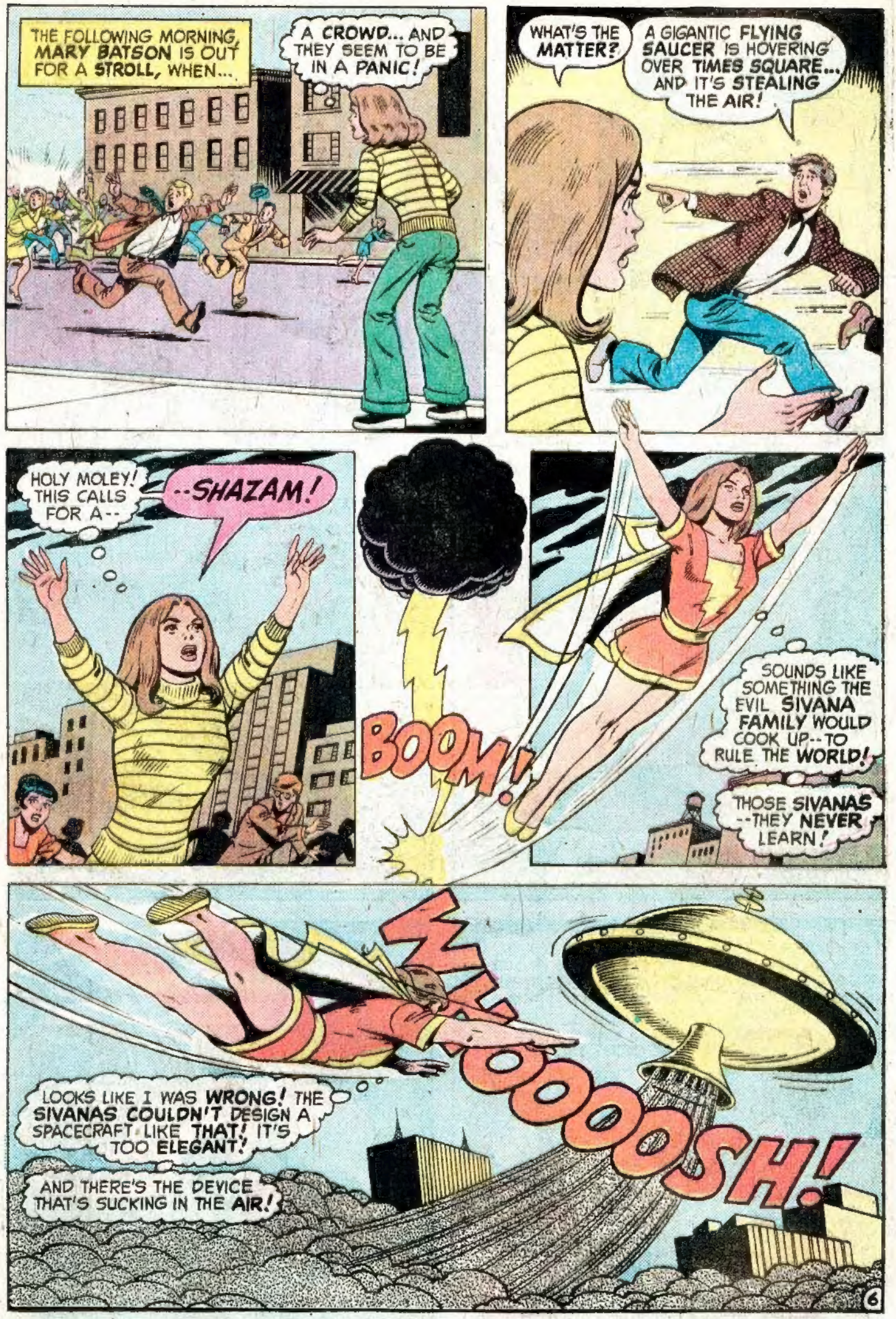

AL, BUDDY--ONE PROBLEM! WE PROMISED YOU A MILLION DOLLARS...
YEAH, COOL! LOTTA BREAD!
CITY
...BUT THE CITY TREASURY IS A BIT SHORT!
WE CAN GIVE YOU $28-- AND A FREE TICKET TO THE POLICEMAN'S BALL! OKAY?
UN-GOOD! UN-NICE! UN-NIFTY! YOU DON'T APPRECIATE ME!
HE LOOKS PRETTY SOUR, OFFICER!
I'M SORRY... BUT AS A PUBLIC-MINDED CITIZEN, HE SHOULD BE GLAD TO HELP IN THE FIGHT FOR LAW!


HOWEVER, ALLEGRO SCRUFF IS NEITHER PUBLIC-MINDED NOR GLAD-- YA KNOW? SO THAT NIGHT...
GONNA GET EVEN--NOT ONLY WITH GREENVILLE BUT WITH THE WHOLE WORLD!
GONNA BLOW A WAY-OUT SOUND THAT'LL BRING CROOKS... YE-AH!
THE EERIE MUSIC RISES INTO THE DARKNESS...
...AND IN A FASHION WE CAN'T BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND (AND WE WON'T EVEN TRY), IT PENETRATES THE EVER-QUIET DEPTHS OF SPACE--
--LURING, FROM THE HEART OF THE UNIVERSE, AN ALIEN SPACE-CRAFT, WHICH PLUNGES TOWARD THE BIG BLUE MARBLE THAT IS OUR EARTH!


THE FOLLOWING MORNING, MARY BATSON IS OUT FOR A STROLL, WHEN...
A CROWD... AND THEY SEEM TO BE IN A PANIC!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
A GIGANTIC FLYING SAUCER IS HOVERING OVER TIMES SQUARE... AND IT'S STEALING THE AIR!
HOLY MOLEY! THIS CALLS FOR A--
--SHAZAM!
BOOM!
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THE EVIL SIVANA FAMILY WOULD COOK UP--TO RULE THE WORLD!
THOSE SIVANAS --THEY NEVER LEARN!
WHOOOOOSH!
LOOKS LIKE I WAS WRONG! THE SIVANAS COULDN'T DESIGN A SPACECRAFT LIKE THAT! IT'S TOO ELEGANT!
AND THERE'S THE DEVICE THAT'S SUCKING IN THE AIR!
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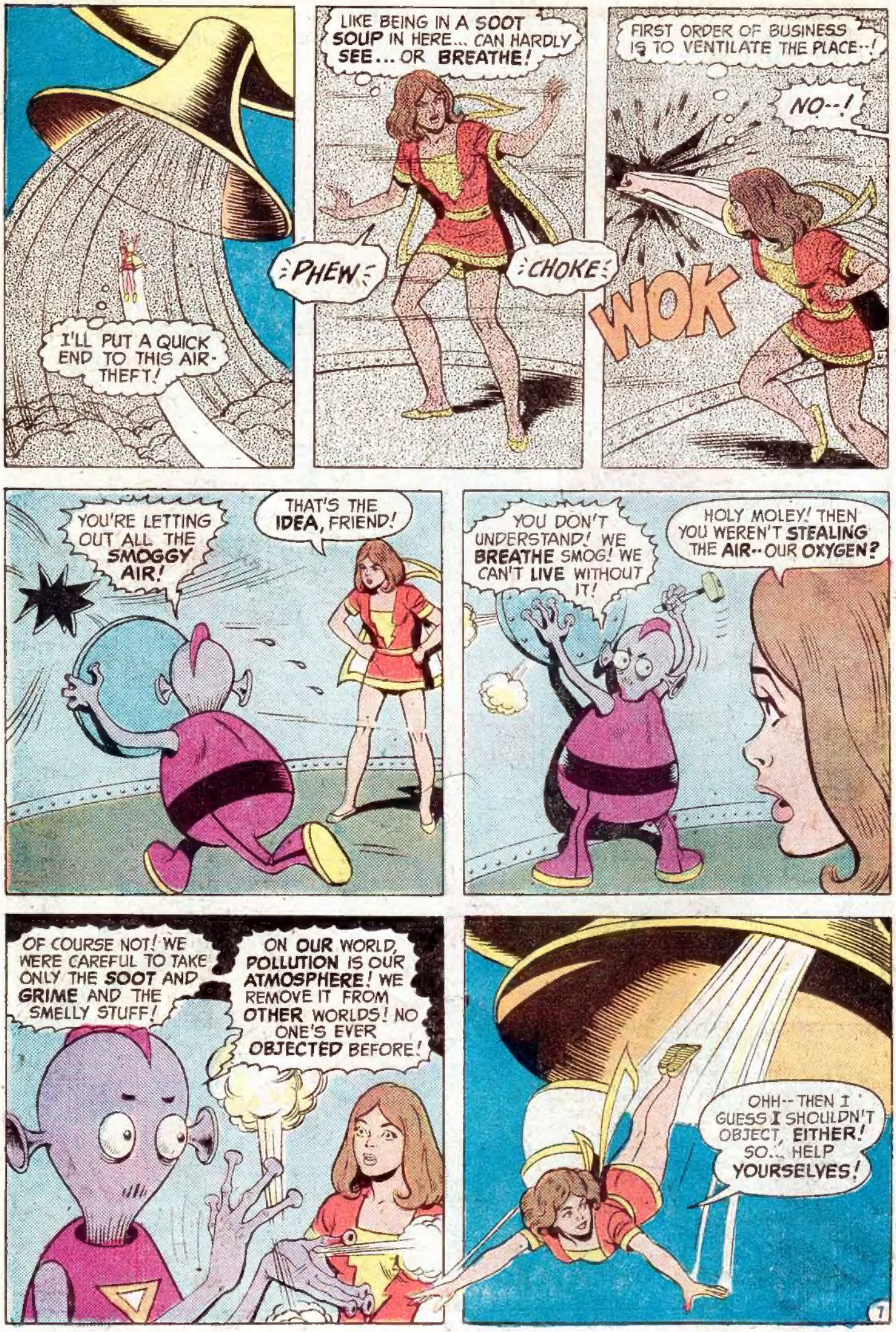
I'LL PUT A QUICK END TO THIS AIR-THEFT!
LIKE BEING IN A SOOT SOUP IN HERE... CAN HARDLY SEE... OR BREATHE!
PHEW
CHOKE
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO VENTILATE THE PLACE--!
NO--!
WOK
YOU'RE LETTING OUT ALL THE SMOGGY AIR!
THAT'S THE IDEA, FRIEND!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! WE BREATHE SMOG! WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT!
HOLY MOLEY! THEN YOU WEREN'T STEALING THE AIR--OUR OXYGEN?
OF COURSE NOT! WE WERE CAREFUL TO TAKE ONLY THE SOOT AND GRIME AND THE SMELLY STUFF!
ON OUR WORLD, POLLUTION IS OUR ATMOSPHERE! WE REMOVE IT FROM OTHER WORLDS! NO ONE'S EVER OBJECTED BEFORE!
OHH--THEN I GUESS I SHOULDN'T OBJECT, EITHER! SO... HELP YOURSELVES!
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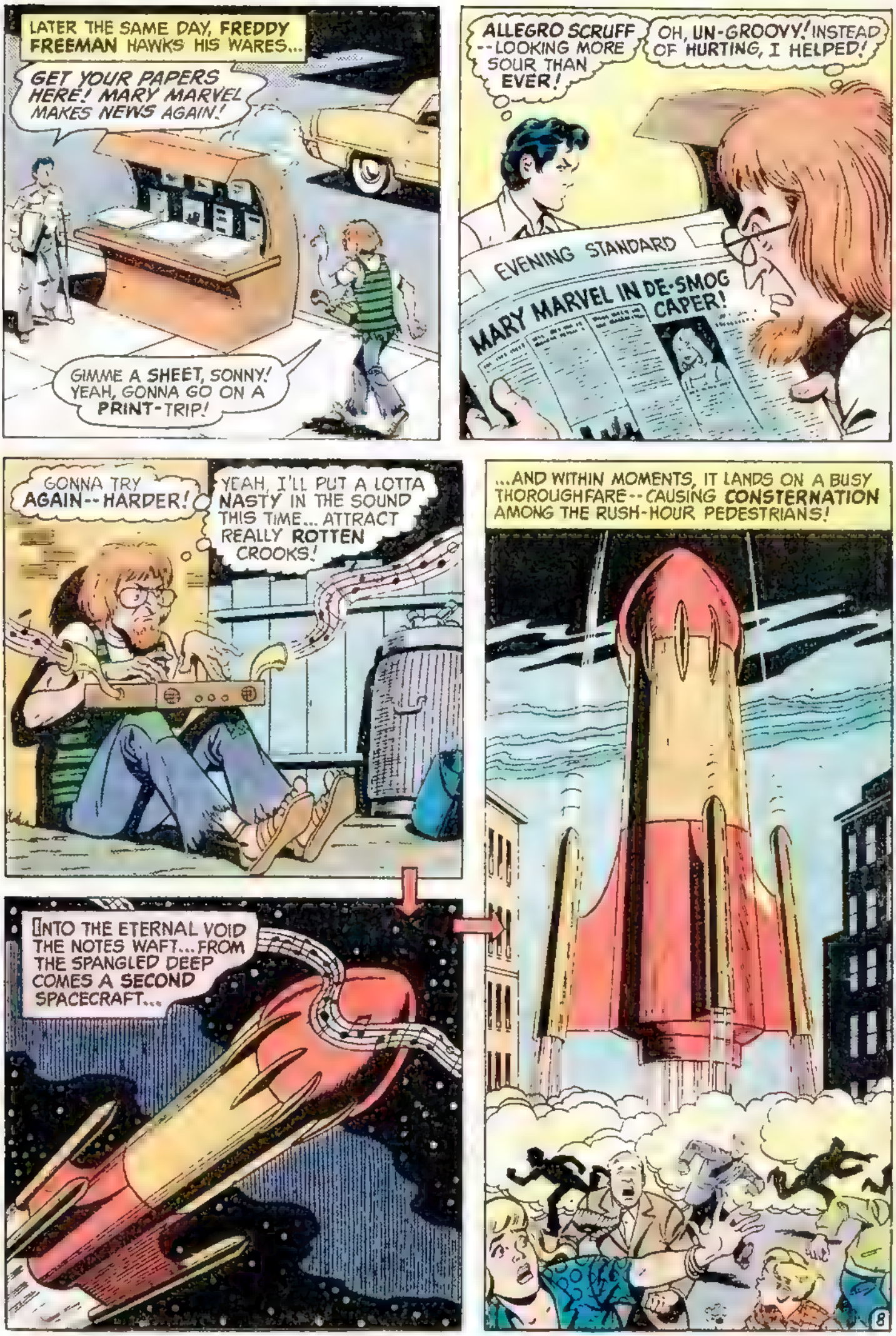
LATER THE SAME DAY, FREDDY FREEMAN HAWKS HIS WARES...
GET YOUR PAPERS HERE! MARY MARVEL MAKES NEWS AGAIN!
GIMME A SHEET, SONNY! YEAH, GONNA GO ON A PRINT-TRIP!
ALLEGRO SCRUFF --LOOKING MORE SOUR THAN EVER!
OH, UN-GROOVY! INSTEAD OF HURTING, I HELPED!
EVENING STANDARD
MARY MARVEL IN DE-SMOG CAPER!
GONNA TRY AGAIN--HARDER!
YEAH, I'LL PUT A LOTTA NASTY IN THE SOUND THIS TIME... ATTRACT REALLY ROTTEN CROOKS!
...AND WITHIN MOMENTS, IT LANDS ON A BUSY THOROUGHFARE--CAUSING CONSTERNATION AMONG THE RUSH-HOUR PEDESTRIANS!
INTO THE ETERNAL VOID THE NOTES WAFT... FROM THE SPANGLED DEEP COMES A SECOND SPACECRAFT...
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TREMBLE IN FEAR, EARTHMEN -- THE MARAUDERS OF THE GALAXY HAVE ARRIVED!
HOW SHALL WE BEGIN? LOOT?-- BURN?-- PILLAGE?
FUNNY MANS!
FOR A START, I SHALL ROB THIS!
TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY... THE IDEA!
BAD MANS!
MMMMMM ...GOOD!
NO-- BETTER THAN GOOD! SUPERB!
EXCELLENT! INCOMPARABLE!
MEAN MANS LIKE CHOC'LATE BAR?
LIKE IT? I HAVE SCOURED THE UNIVERSE FOR SUCH A TEMPTING TASTE-TREAT!
I MUST HAVE MORE!
K-RESH
CANDY
MORE! MORE! I CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH!
YUM! YUM!
GULP!
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AND, AT FREDDY'S NEWSSTAND...
HEY, FRED! GRAB THE LATEST EDITION! IT'S AN EXTRA!
A CHOCOLATE FACTORY STOLEN? HOLEY MOLEY! I SHOULDN'T BE JUST READING ABOUT IT! I SHOULD BE SAYING--
EXTRA
THE CHRONICLE
EXTRA
ALIENS STEAL CHOCOLATE FACTORY!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
POW!
NO TROUBLE SEEING WHERE THE ALIENS WENT!
THEY LEFT A TRAIL OF CANDY WRAPPERS!... AND IT LEADS INTO OUTER SPACE!
I WON'T BOTHER TO KNOCK! I'LL JUST SMASH MY WAY IN!
YUM YUM CHOCOLATE FACTORY
THERE'S MY OBJECTIVE... A SPACESHIP WITH THE FACTORY ATTACHED IN ORBIT ABOVE THE PLANET!
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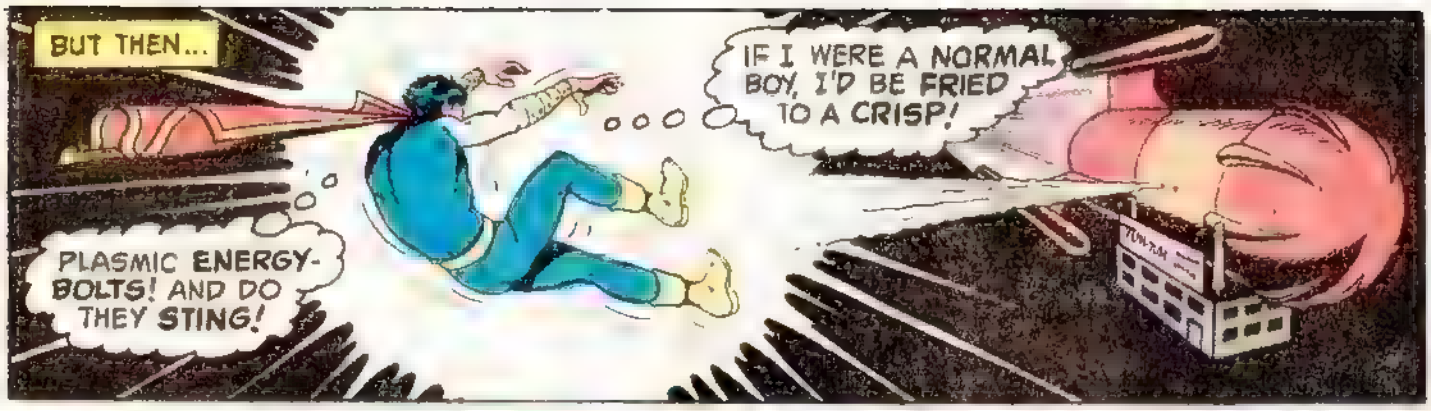
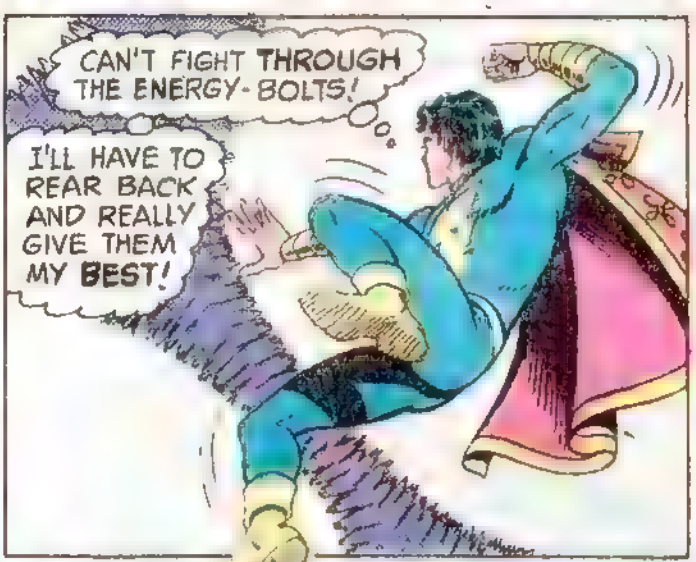
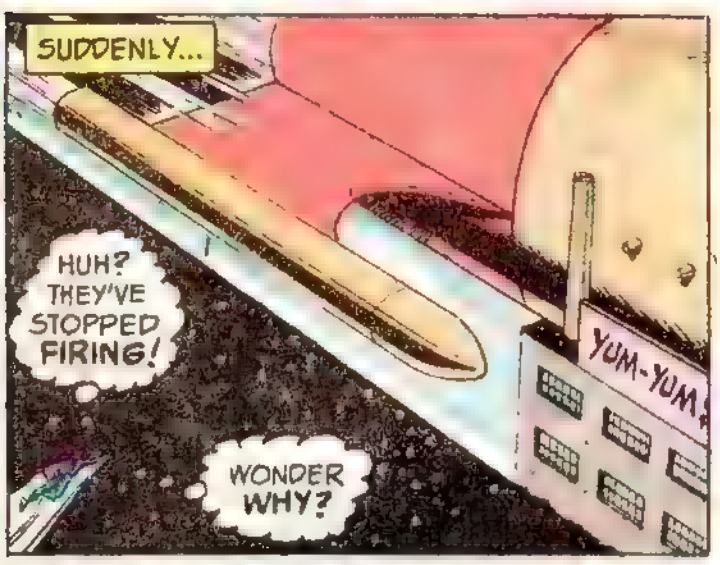
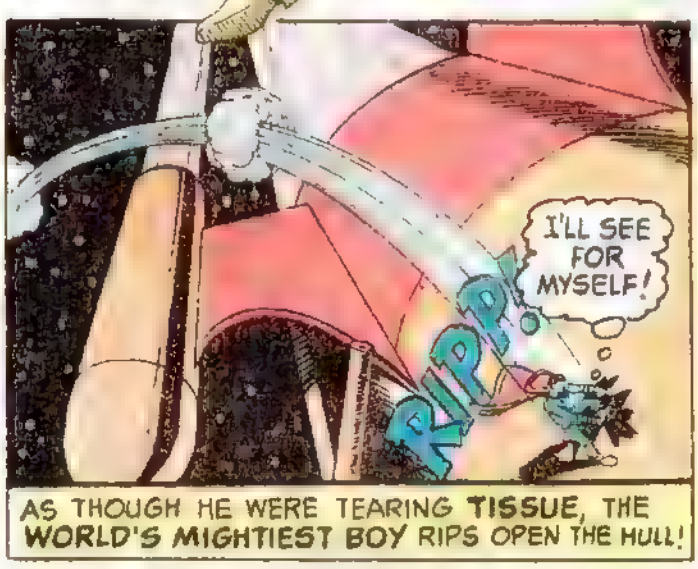
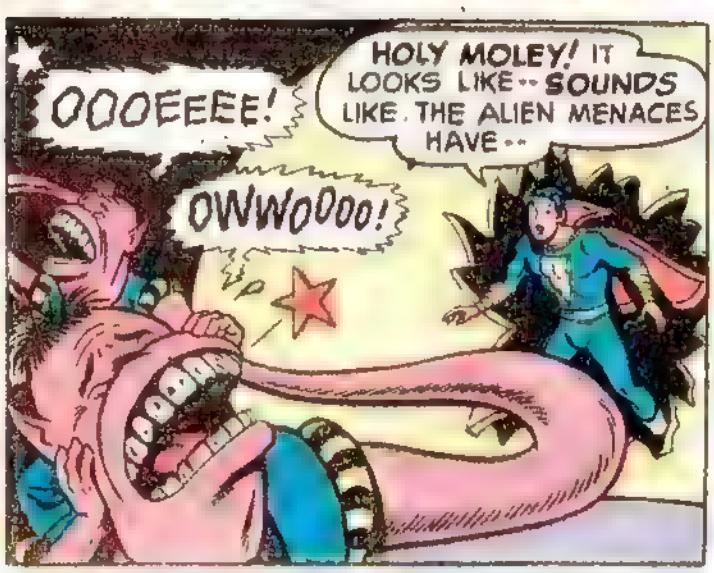

BUT THEN...
IF I WERE A NORMAL BOY, I'D BE FRIED TO A CRISP!
PLASMIC ENERGY-BOLTS! AND DO THEY STING!
YUM-YUM

LIKE FIGHTING MY WAY INTO A HORNETS' NEST!


CAN'T FIGHT THROUGH THE ENERGY-BOLTS!
I'LL HAVE TO REAR BACK AND REALLY GIVE THEM MY BEST!


SUDDENLY...
HUH? THEY'VE STOPPED FIRING!
YUM-YUM
WONDER WHY?


I'LL SEE FOR MYSELF!
RIP!!
AS THOUGH HE WERE TEARING TISSUE, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY RIPS OPEN THE HULL!


OOOEEEE!
HOLY MOLEY! IT LOOKS LIKE -- SOUNDS LIKE THE ALIEN MENACES HAVE --
OWWOOOO!

--TOOTHACHES!
THE TREACHEROUS TASTE-TREAT HAS WRECKED OUR TEETH!
NEVER HAVE WE SUFFERED SUCH PAIN!
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MASSACRED MOLARS.
INJURED INCISORS!
LOTS OF CAVITIES, THAT'S FOR SURE!
I HOPE THAT'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON!
IT HAS... OH, YES, IT HAS!
WE'RE RETURNING HOME IMMEDIATELY AND CONVERTING OUR WEAPONS INTO PLOW SHARES--
--AND DENTAL DRILLS!
SEE THAT YOU DO!-- OR NEXT TIME, WE'LL SIC PEANUT BRITTLE ON YOU!
AFTER REPAIRING THE ALIEN SHIP...
YUM-YUM CHOCOLATE FACTORY
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL-- AND THIS ADVENTURE ENDED GREAT!
THOSE BADDIES ARE REFORMED-- PERMANENTLY!
...AND WHEN LAST SEEN BY CAPTAIN MARVEL JR., THE ALIENS WERE HEADING HOME, HOLDING THEIR ACHING JAWS!
APPARENTLY THEY HAD THEIR... FILL OF EARTH!
OH, UNWINNING! YEAH, I'M STRIKING OUT, MAN... I GOTTA GET MY REVENGE!
YEAH, I'LL PUT SADNESS AND STRANGENESS INTO MY SOUND...
AND THE NOTES TINKLE IN THE ENDLESS COLD, SUMMONING A THIRD SHIP...!
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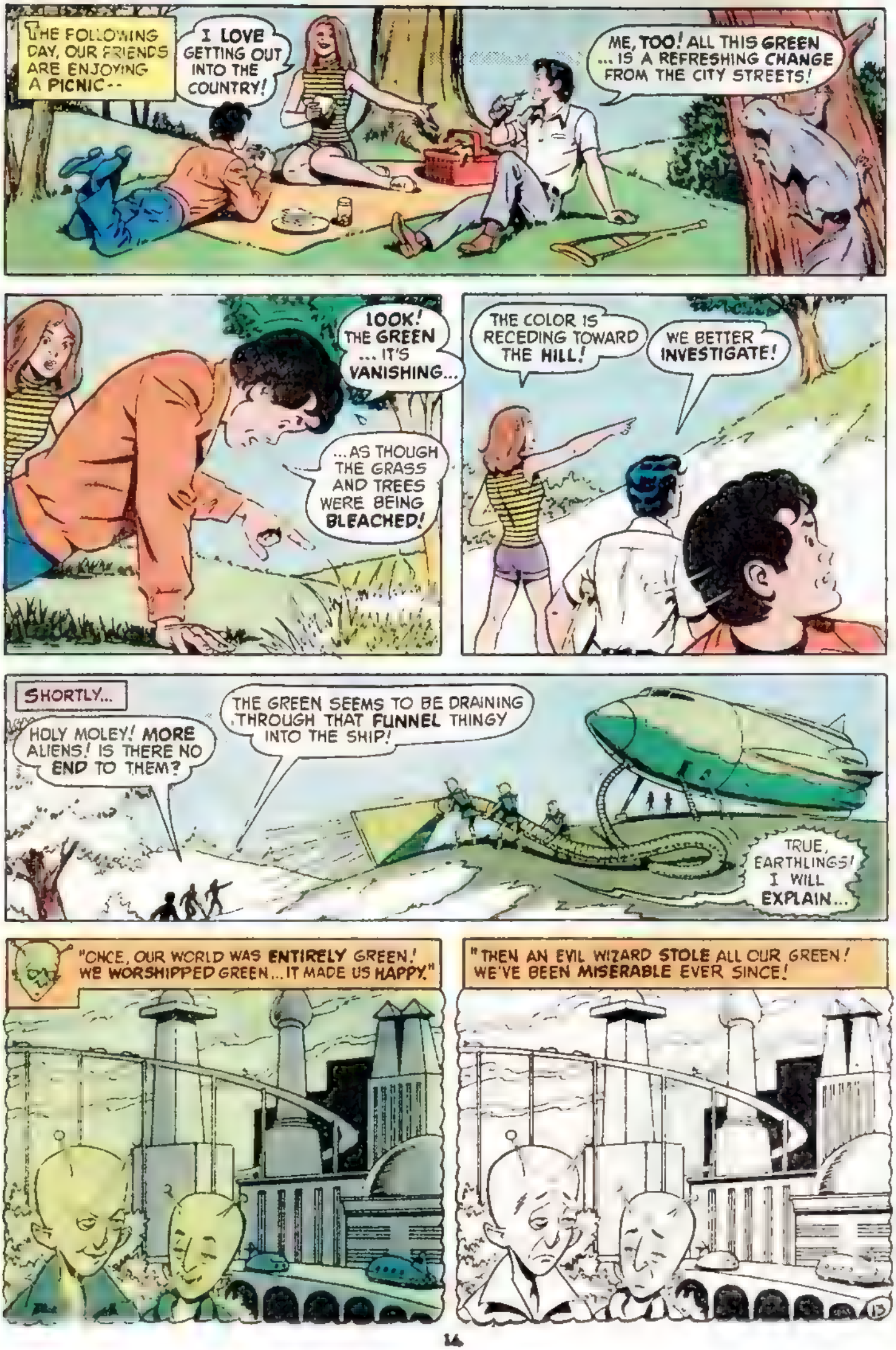
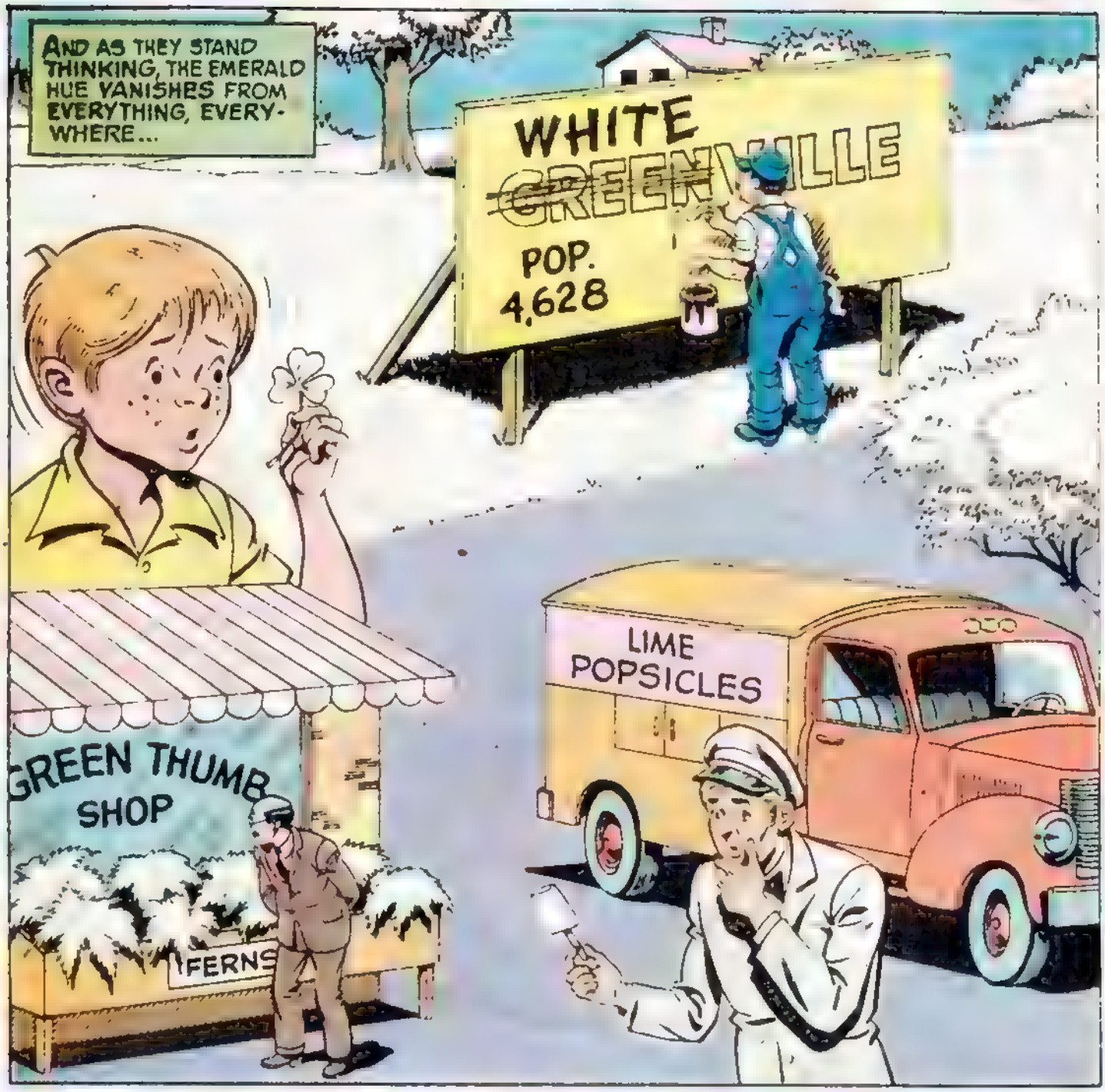

THE FOLLOWING DAY, OUR FRIENDS ARE ENJOYING A PICNIC--
I LOVE GETTING OUT INTO THE COUNTRY!
ME, TOO! ALL THIS GREEN ... IS A REFRESHING CHANGE FROM THE CITY STREETS!
LOOK! THE GREEN ... IT'S VANISHING...
...AS THOUGH THE GRASS AND TREES WERE BEING BLEACHED!
THE COLOR IS RECEDING TOWARD THE HILL!
WE BETTER INVESTIGATE!
SHORTLY...
HOLY MOLEY! MORE ALIENS! IS THERE NO END TO THEM?
THE GREEN SEEMS TO BE DRAINING THROUGH THAT FUNNEL THINGY INTO THE SHIP!
TRUE, EARTHLINGS! I WILL EXPLAIN...
"ONCE, OUR WORLD WAS ENTIRELY GREEN! WE WORSHIPPED GREEN... IT MADE US HAPPY."
"THEN AN EVIL WIZARD STOLE ALL OUR GREEN! WE'VE BEEN MISERABLE EVER SINCE!

SO YOU'RE STEALING OUR GREEN!
SORRY-- BUT THAT'S HOW IT GOES!
WELL, I, FOR ONE, AM NOT ABOUT TO LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT!
SHA--
THIS WILL CALM YOU DOWN!
MARY! WHAT'S WRONG?
I PUT A DOUBLE ZAPP ON HER! SHE'LL REMAIN STILL AS A STATUE UNTIL I UNZAP HER!
WE'LL KEEP HER AS A HOSTAGE AND RELEASE HER AFTER WE'RE BACK HOME!
CAN'T WE EVEN TAKE YOU TO OUR LEADER?
NO! MERELY APOLOGIZE FOR US!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR, BILLY? LET'S CHANGE TO THE MARVELS AND WIPE 'EM OUT!
WE DON'T DARE... MARY MIGHT BE HARMED!
NO, FREDDY... FORGET STRENGTH! WE'VE GOT TO BE CLEVER!-- OUTWIT THEM!


AND AS THEY STAND THINKING, THE EMERALD HUE VANISHES FROM EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE...
WHITE
~~GREEN~~VILLE
POP. 4,628
GREEN THUMB SHOP
FERNS
LIME POPSICLES

...OF COURSE, FOR SOME FOLKS, IT'S A TERRIBLE THING...!
OH, WURRA, WURRA! ME NICE GREEN COAT'S GONE AND FADED!

...BUT IT'S NO FUN FOR ANYBODY!
THIS IS AWFUL! NO MORE ST. PATRICK'S DAY... AND SINGING "WEARIN' O' THE WHITE" WON'T BE THE SAME!
ANY IDEAS, BILLY!
MY MIND'S BLANK AS THE GRASS!
YOU CROOK--
15

--YOU SOLD ME A PAIR OF GREEN SUNGLASSES AND THEY TURNED TO CLEAR PLASTIC!
SORRY, SIR-- CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A PAIR OF BLUES--
HOLY MOLEY! THAT'S THE ANSWER!!
YOU'VE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING?
HAVE I EVER! QUICK ... SAY THE WORDS--!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BOOM-OOM
AT THIS PRECISE MOMENT, SOMEWHERE SOUTH OF THE MOON..
HAPPY, HAPPY!
--HAP-EEEE!
WE REGRET DEPRIVING EARTH OF GREEN... BUT HOW WONDERFUL AND HAPPY OUR WORLD WILL BE!
IXPLOO... THE SHIP... TURNING BROWN!
I'M TURNING BROWN, TOO!
16

THE BROWN IS SPREADING! UGG! WHAT AN UGLY COLOR!
A MESSAGE IS COMING IN ON THE ETHERIZER!
CL-ICK-CLACK!
IT SAYS: "RELEASE THE GIRL OR BE BROWNED OUT! SIGNED-- THE MARVELS!"
I WILL AT ONCE!
THERE! SHE'S COMING TO!
UNZAPPED, MARY WASTES NOT A SECOND...
SHAZAM!
KA-POW W!
...NOR DOES SHE HESITATE TO FLY INTO WHIRLWIND ACTION!
17

AND SHE DOESN'T WAIT LONG TO RETURN THE SHIP TO THE GROUND EITHER...
WELCOME HOME, MARY! ENJOY YOUR TRIP?
ALMOST AS MUCH AS MEASLES!
HOW'D YOU CONVINCE THEM TO... UNFREEZE ME?
YOUR QUESTIONS CAN WAIT! FIRST, LET'S REVERSE THE SWITCH ON THIS GADGET!
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL? GREEN... FLOODING THE EARTH!-- THE COLOR OF LIFE!
HOW DID YOU CHANGE THE ALIENS' MINDS?
TRULY... TRULY, JUNIOR! BUT NOW... GIVE!
I DID, MARY!
...WITH THIS! A GIGANTIC LENS THAT JUNIOR AND I FIXED UP... A RED LENS!
I GET IT! YOU SHONE SUNLIGHT THROUGH THE RED GLASS--
--ONTO THE TRANSLUCENT HULL OF THE SHIP AND--
--RED ON GREEN MAKES THE GREEN LOOK BROWN!
18

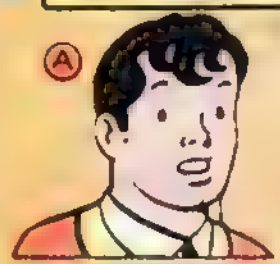
INGENIOUS! YOU BEAT US-- FAIRLY!
UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR VICTORY DOOMS US TO A GREEN-LESS WORLD FOREVERMORE!
NOT NECESSARILY!
LOOK THROUGH THESE!
SEEMS POINTLESS, BUT...
JOY! EVERYTHING IS... GREEN!
HERE ARE DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING AS MANY PAIRS OF THOSE SUNGLASSES AS YOU WANT!
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEART, CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WE FORGOT TO COMPENSATE YOU FOR THE GREEN WE TOOK! I'VE GOT THE PAYMENT IN THIS SACK...
... DIAMONDS... A MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH IN YOUR MONEY!
I CAN'T KEEP THEM... BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES THEM!
YOU DO?
19

HAVEN'T YOU WONDERED WHO'S BEEN BEHIND THESE ALIEN MENACES?--ALLEGRO SCRUFF, OF COURSE!
HOW'D YOU ARRIVE AT THAT, CAP?
UHH...JUST USED A LITTLE WISDOM OF SOLOMON!
OH, UN-FREEDOM! YOU'RE GONNA LOCK ME IN THE SLAMMER WITH THOSE CROOKS! YEAH, DIG IT...
NO, WE'RE GIVING YOU YOUR REWARD--A MILLION DOLLARS IN GEMS!
AFTER ALL, YOU WERE PROMISED PAYMENT!
YEAH, DIG IT... BUT HAND THE ROCKS TO CHARITY, YEAH... LIKE, I DON'T DIG MONEY!
HOLY MOLEY! THEN WHY'D YOU CAUSE ALL THE FUSS?
I JUST WANTED TO BE APPRECIATED, MAN, YEAH...
CHECK YOU LATER, MARVELS!
GOTTA GO FIND A BAND, BLOW SOUNDS, YEAH..
20
THAT'S THE STORY! THE MILLION WENT TO CHARITY--AFTER WE TOOK OUT ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE STOLEN CANDY BARS!
AND AL SCRUFF IS DOING SO WELL PLAYING CONCERTS AND MAKING RECORDS...
...THAT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BECOME A MILLIONAIRE, AFTER ALL--WHETHER HE WANTS TO OR NOT!
THE END

HERE'S A CHANCE TO TEST YOUR *SHAZAM* I.Q.--

SHAZAM TRIVIA QUIZ #2

1 HERE ARE SIX PEOPLE WITH THE NAMES OF PLACES THAT ARE--OR HAVE BEEN--THEIR HOME BASES. SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN MATCH UP!



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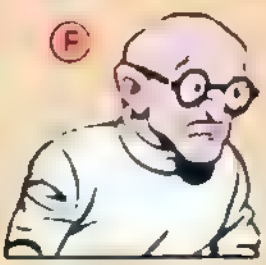
MARY BATSON

SHAZAM

FREDDY FREEMAN



DR. SIVANA

THE PLACES

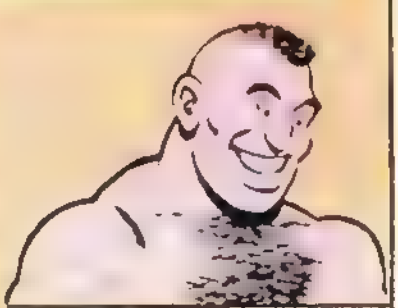
U. THE PLANET *VENUS*.
V. A NEWSSTAND IN FRONT OF THE *CITIZENS' BANK*.
W. THE *ROCK OF ETERNITY*.
X. STATION *WHIZ*.
Y. THE PLANETOID *PUNKUS*.
Z. THE *BROMFIELD* MANSION

2 HERE ARE FOUR FOES OF THE *MARVEL FAMILY*. WHICH ONE NEVER BELONGED TO THE *MONSTER SOCIETY OF EVIL*?

CAPTAIN NAZI

KING KULL

SIVANA JR.



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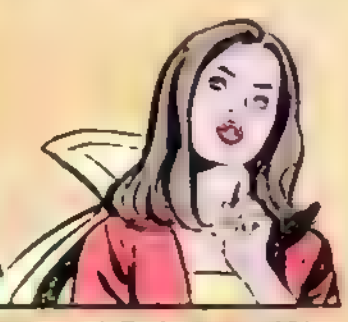
3 WHICH OF THESE CHARACTERS *DO NOT* HAVE THE POWERS OF *SOLOMON, HERCULES, ATLAS, ZEUS, ACHILLES* AND *MERCURY*?

UNCLE MARVEL



MARY MARVEL

BLACK ADAM

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 40

GREAT, BILLY! BUT NOW IT'S TIME FOR A DETECTIVE THRILLER!
MYSTERY PLAYHOUSE
COME IN... WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! THIS IS A NIGHT WHEN STRANGE SHADOWS LURK ABOUT AND FOUL DEEDS WILL BE DONE... A NIGHT OF MYSTERY!
Capt. MARVEL JR.
AND THE IDOL OF VENGEANCE!
RA DAGL WAS KNOWN AS THE IDOL OF VENGEANCE, AND WHOEVER INVOKED THE DISPLEASURE OF THE MONUMENT OF STONE SOON FELT THE CUTTING STROKE OF DEATH. SO THE LEGEND RAN AND FOR A TIME NOT EVEN CAPT. MARVEL JR. COULD DISPUTE THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF RA DAGL, • THE IDOL OF VENGEANCE!"
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ONE DAY AT FREDDY FREEMAN'S NEWSSTAND..
THEY WILL LAUGH AT ME EACH ONE HAS DARED DEATH DEFIED THE FATE THAT RA DAGL DECREED. AND EVERYONE ESCAPED.
SMACK
ONLY I SUPERSTITIOUS FOOL THAT I AM, WAS AFRAID! AFRAID THAT SOMEHOW RA DAGL MIGHT TRULY WREAK VENGEANCE UPON ME
LOOK OUT!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

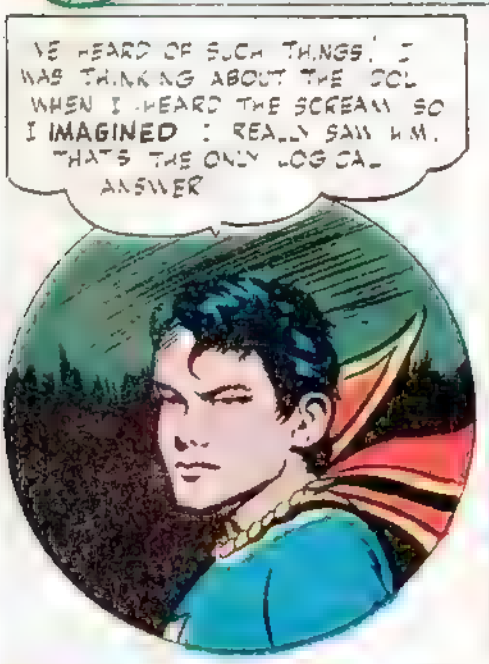
HOLY MOLEY! THAT TRUCK WILL CRUSH HIM TO DEATH.. CAPTAIN MARVEL!
AS THE CRIPPLED NEWSBOY, FREDDY FREEMAN, SPEAKS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, THERE IS AN EAR-SHATTERING BLAST OF LIGHTNING... AND CAPT. MARVEL JR. SPEEDS TO THE RESCUE...
OUT OF THE WAY!
BOOM!
OH! I RAN OVER THE KID!
SCCR-R-E-E-E-E-ECH
THE POOR, BRAVE BOY! HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE THE JAY WALKER!
YOU'RE ALIVE!
I HOPE I DIDN'T DAMAGE YOUR TRUCK!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I KNOW I'M SEEING THINGS! NOBODY CAN GET UP AND WALK AFTER A TEN-TON TRUCK RAN OVER HIM!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL MISTER!

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.

YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED.
BUT I ESCAPED. HA HA. HE BROKEN THE CURSE OF RA DAGL.
I'LL NEED YOU AS A WITNESS YOU CAN EXPLAIN JUST WHAT HAPPENED. PLEASE HURRY.
WELL IF YOU'RE IN SUCH A HURRY...
WE CAN MOVE FASTER THIS WAY. WHERE TO?
GULP! J-JOHN BOARDMAN'S HOUSE!
LATER AT THE FAMOUS EXPLORER JOHN BOARDMANS HOME--
IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU HERE CAPT MARVEL JR. I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU A FEW OF THE TREASURES I'VE AQUIRED DURING MY EXPLORATIONS...
WHAT'S THIS?
THIS STONE WAS FOUND BURIED IN AN ANCIENT CRYPT BESIDE THE BODY OF AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN! I BELIEVE IT TO BE THE VERY STONE WITH WHICH CAIN KILLED ABEL..
THAT IS A PRICE-LESS TREASURE! I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR KEEPING IT LOCKED UP!
LATER I'LL SHOW YOU THE FABULOUS RA DAGL--- KNOWN TO THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS AS THE IDOL OF VENGEANCE! BUT FIRST I WANT YOU TO MEET THE DOOMED MEN!
HA-HA! WELCOME TO THE BANQUET OF THE DEAD!
YOU SEE, THE FIVE MEN PRESENT HERE ARE THE DISCOVERERS OF THE IDOL! ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND WE SHOULD ALL HAVE BEEN DEAD WITHIN A YEAR...
THE IDOL'S VENGEANCE.
EXACTLY! TONIGHT IS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DISCOVERY! IN THE PAST YEAR EACH OF US HAS RISKED DEATH IN MANY FORMS AND LIVED TO TELL THE TALE!
3

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

WHEN THE BANQUET IS ENDED..
EACH OF US HAS TOLD HIS STORY OF HOW HE CHEATED DEATH. GENTLEMEN, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE FUTILITY OF RA DAGL.
NOW I WANT YOU TO SEE THE IDOL WHOSE VENGEANCE FAILED SO BADLY.
HE KEPT IT DOWN IN THE CELLAR
WHY...WHY.. IT'S GONE!
THE IDOL! NO! AHHHHH!
SOMETHING'S WRONG.
HOLY MOLEY! THE STONE IDOL MOVES.
QUICKLY, CAPT. MARVEL JR. SPEEDS IN PURSUIT ONLY TO FIND...
RA DAGL DISAPPEARED. PROBABLY HE NEVER WAS HERE AT ALL!

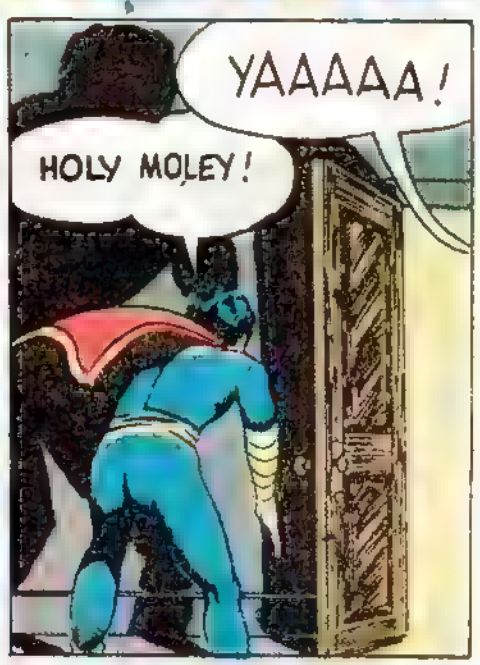

I'VE HEARD OF SUCH THINGS! I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE DOLL WHEN I HEARD THE SCREAM SO I IMAGINED I REALLY SAW HIM. THAT'S THE ONLY LOGICAL ANSWER

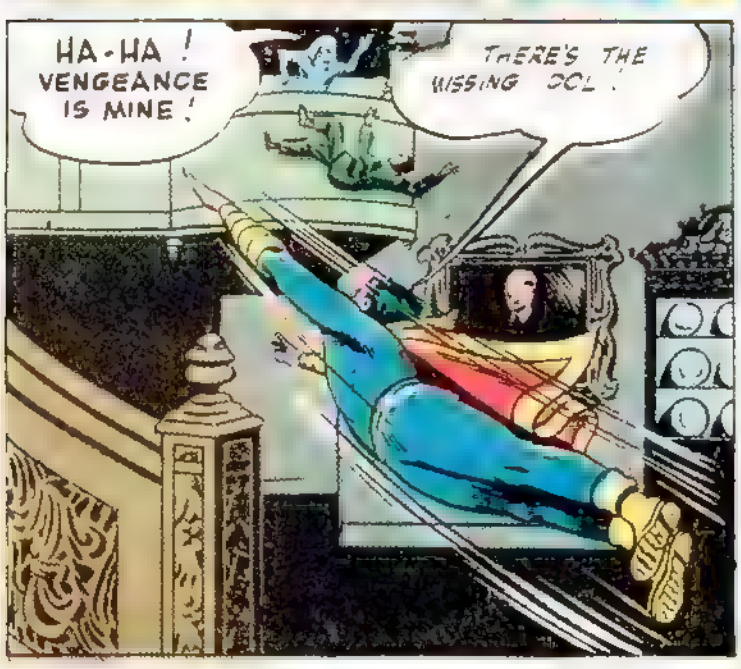
HE'S DEAD! HIS HEAD SMASHED IN--- AS IF FROM THE BLOW OF A STONE FIST! NOTHING IMAGINARY ABOUT THAT!
GOOD HEAVENS!

THE CURSE OF RA DAGL CLAIMED ITS FIRST VICTIM.
THE DOLL'S STILL MISSING. WE'D BETTER SEARCH FOR IT. THAT PIECE OF STONE IS OUR ONLY MURDER SUSPECT!

LATER..
RA DAGL IS STILL PLAYING HARD TO GET! I WONDER IF... OH-OH. THE PHONE'S RINGING.

THE MODERN AGE MUSEUM?.. NO, HE ISN'T HERE JUST NOW! HMM! YES, I SEE.. ...THANK YOU, VERY MUCH!


YAAAAA!
HOLY MOLEY!


HA-HA! VENGEANCE IS MINE!
THERE'S THE MISSING DOLL.

LUCKY I DIDN'T CATCH YOU ON THE SECOND BOUNCE.

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

OR IS IT? ..HE'S ALREADY DEAD.' HIS HEAD CRUSHED JUST LIKE THE OTHER ONE
I HOPE THE DELAY DIDN'T LET RA DAGL ESCAPE.
A TRAIL OF BLOOD STAINS! ..LEADS DIRECTLY TO THIS CLOSET
THERE'S THE STONE IDOL. WITH BLOOD ON ITS HANDS.
SOON THE SURVIVING EXPLORERS MEET TO EXAMINE THE STRANGE SPECTACLE..
INCREDIBLE! THEN THE IDOL REALLY COMMITTED THE MURDERS!
YOU CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION BETTER THAN I, MR. BOARDMAN! BECAUSE YOU ARE THE MURDERER!
YOU'RE INSANE! WHY SHOULD I...?
THE MODERN AGE MUSEUM OFFERED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE IDOL! YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SHARE THE MONEY FIVE WAYS! INSTEAD, YOU DECIDED TO KILL THE MEN WHO WOULD SHARE WITH YOU!
YOU MADE ONLY ONE MISTAKE AND THAT WAS FATAL! YOU USED A STONE FROM YOUR COLLECTION TO SIMULATE THE EFFECT OF A STONE FIST. ONLY YOU COULD HAVE REMOVED IT FROM ITS LOCKED GLASS SHOWCASE -- THE STONE THAT CAIN SUPPOSEDLY USED TO KILL ABEL!
THAT HAS THE MURDER WEAPON --- WASN'T IT? CONFESS!
YES. BUT I DON'T KILL THEM! IT HAS..
6

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.

UGH!
BANG
HE'S BEEN SHOT.
THAT'S THE ANSWER. A FAKE WALL AT THE BACK OF THE CLOSET!
YOU'RE PRETTY AGILE FOR A THREE THOUSAND YEAR OLD IDOL!
CURSES!
BUT YOU'LL NEVER DIE OF OLD AGE! NOT WHILE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR IS WAITING!
JOHN BOARDMAN DRESSED UP HIS SERVANT IN THIS COSTUME -- AND LET HIM COMMIT THE ACTUAL MURDERS! HE MUST HAVE PAID HIM WELL!
BUT WHY DID HE CHOOSE SUCH A FANTASTIC METHOD?
TO TAKE SUSPICION AWAY FROM HIMSELF! ALSO TO ENHANCE THE VALUE OF THE IDOL OF RA DAGL! A HISTORY OF BLOODSHED WOULD MAKE THE IDOL WORTH TWICE AS MUCH TO ANY MUSEUM!
THEN THE CURSE OF RA DAGL NEVER EXISTED! JUST AS WE KNEW ALL THE TIME!
THREE MEN ARE DEAD! ANOTHER WILL DIE FOR THEIR MURDERS! I'D SAY THIS WAS A PRETTY THOROUGH REVENGE --- EVEN FOR AN IDOL THE EGYPTIANS WORSHIPED AS A GOD OF VENGEANCE!
7

WHAT WOULD TV BE WITHOUT WESTERNS? WE HAVE ONE FOR YOU...
FRONTIER
THE THUNDER OF GALLOPING HOOFS... THE ROAR OF SIX-GUNS... AS WHITE MEN ADVANCE ACROSS THE CONTINENT, AND RED MEN MASS TO OPPOSE THE INVADERS... ON THE... FRONTIER!

Captain MARVEL GETS PROMOTED

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I'LL WANDER AROUND AND TAKE IN EVERYTHING FOR MY BROADCAST LATER

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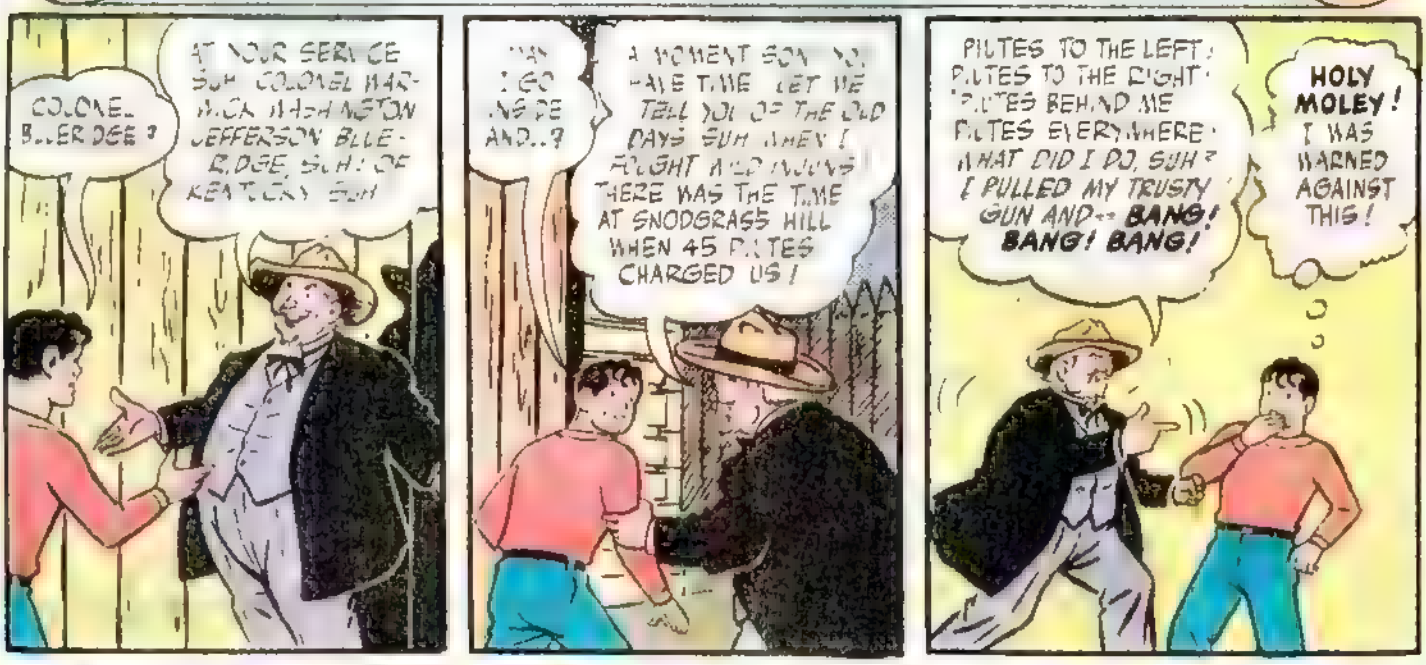
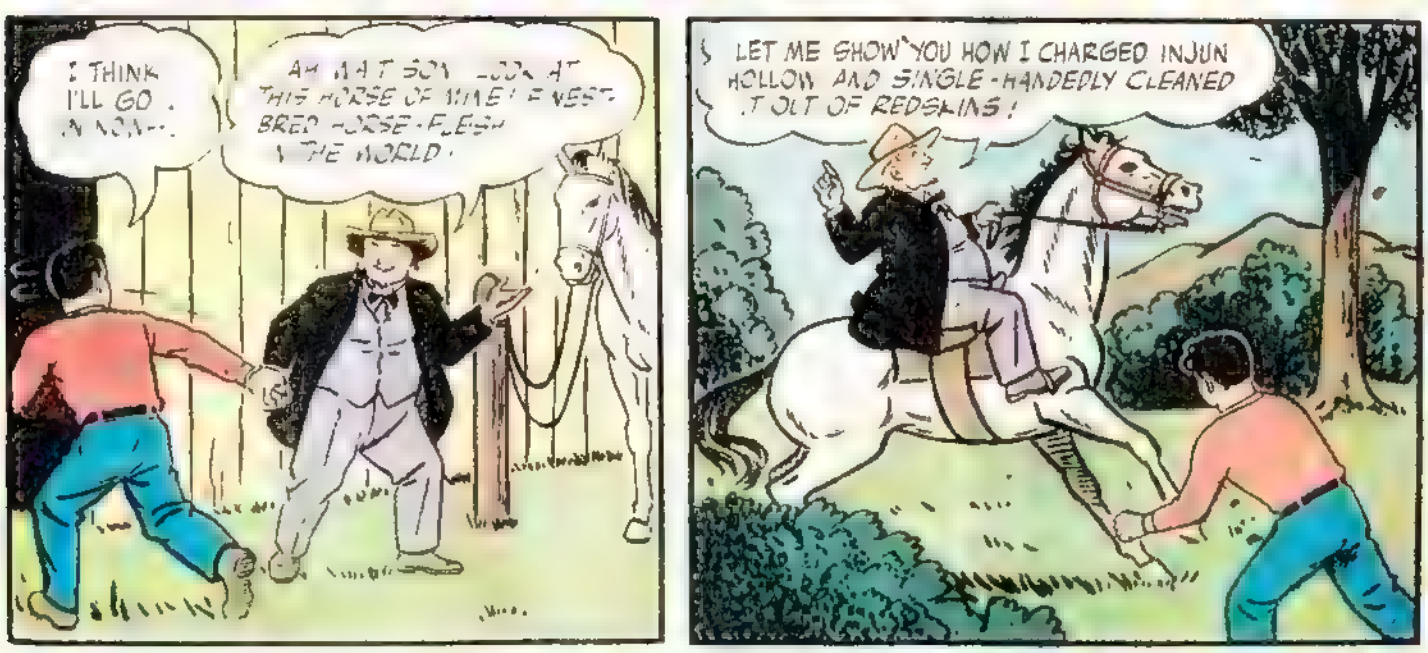
BUT WHAT IS IT THAT NOBODY IS GOING TO USE THE PIONEER STOCKADE?

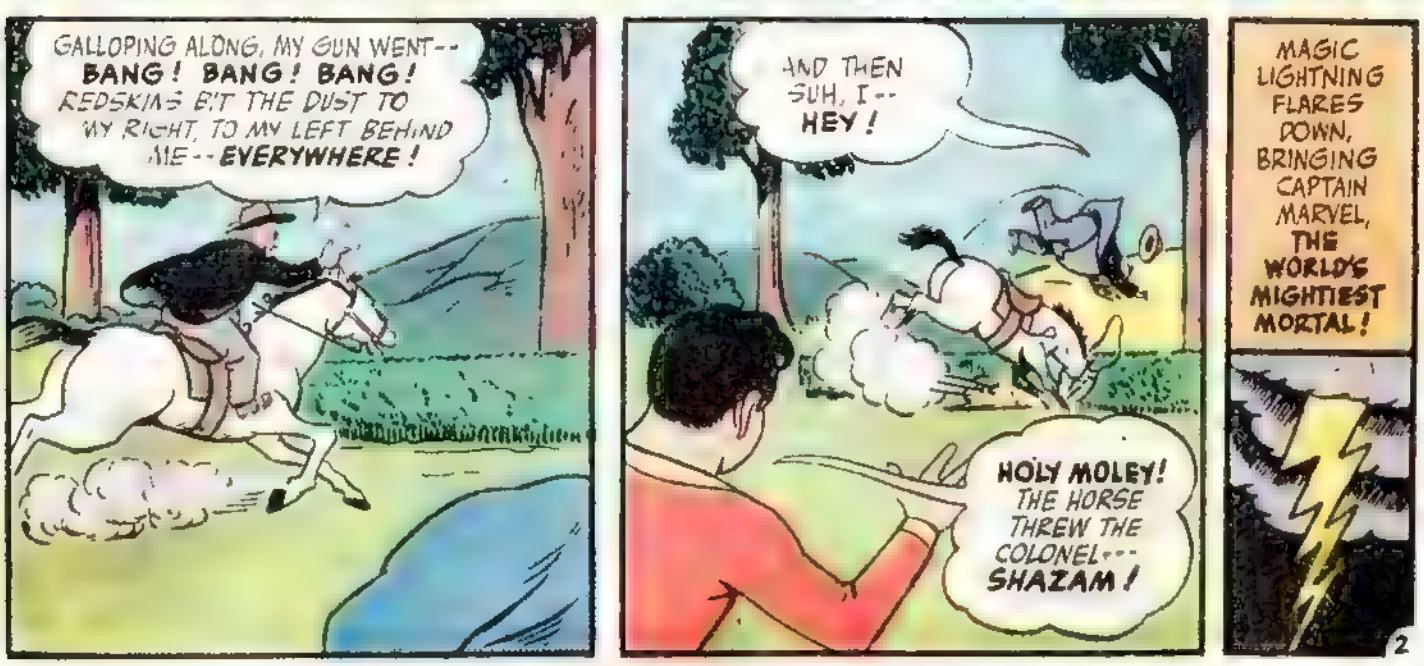
I GUESS YOU DON'T KNOW COLONEL BILLY BOB, SOMEBODY BORES YOU TO DEATH WITH HIS STORIES OF THE OLD INDIAN DAYS

STILL I DON'T THINK IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PIONEER STOCKADE.

CAPTAIN MARVEL


COLONEL BLUERIDGE?
AT YOUR SERVICE SUH! COLONEL HARRICA WASHINGTON JEFFERSON BLUE-RIDGE, SUH! OF KENTUCKY SUH!
MAY I GO INSIDE AND..?
A MOMENT SON! YOU SHALL HAVE TIME! LET ME TELL YOU OF THE OLD DAYS SUH! WHEN I FOUGHT WITH INJUNS! THERE WAS THE TIME AT SNODGRASS HILL WHEN 45 PAIUTES CHARGED US!
PAIUTES TO THE LEFT! PAIUTES TO THE RIGHT! PAIUTES BEHIND ME! PAIUTES EVERYWHERE! WHAT DID I DO, SUH? I PULLED MY TRUSTY GUN AND-- BANG! BANG! BANG!
HOLY MOLEY! I WAS WARNED AGAINST THIS!


I THINK I'LL GO IN NOW--
AH SAY SON! LOOK AT THIS HORSE OF MINE! FINEST BRED HORSE-FLESH IN THE WORLD!
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW I CHARGED INJUN HOLLOW AND SINGLE-HANDEDLY CLEANED IT OUT OF REDSKINS!


GALLOPING ALONG, MY GUN WENT-- BANG! BANG! BANG! REDSKINS BIT THE DUST TO MY RIGHT, TO MY LEFT BEHIND ME-- EVERYWHERE!
AND THEN SUH, I-- HEY!
HOLY MOLEY! THE HORSE THREW THE COLONEL--- SHAZAM!
MAGIC LIGHTNING FLARES DOWN, BRINGING CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
2

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

HIS HEAD HIT A TREE! STILL, I THINK I KEPT HIM FROM BASHING HIS SKULL IN LIKE AN EGGSHELL!
COLONEL BLUERIDGE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
UH--OH--EH?
A REDSKIN! MY GUN-- WHERE'S MY GUN?
HUH? REDSKIN-- ME?
SNAP OUT OF IT, SIR! THAT BLOW MUST HAVE MADE YOU DIZZY. I'M NO REDSKIN! I'M CAPT. MARVEL! I SAVED YOU FROM GETTING YOUR SKULL SPLIT OPEN AGAINST THAT TREE!
YOU DID?
THEN FOR SAVING ME, I HEREBY PROMOTE YOU SUH! I PROMOTE YOU FROM CAPTAIN TO COLONEL! FROM NOW ON, SUH YOU ARE-- COLONEL MARVEL!
WHAT?
BUT GREAT SCOTT, COLONEL MARVEL! WHAT FOOLS WE ARE TO STAND OUT IN THE OPEN! THE INJUNS MAY GET US! INTO THE STOCKADE!
BUT SIR, THERE ARE NO INDIANS HERE! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OF COURSE THERE ARE INJUNS YOU YOUNG FOOL: WILD PIUTES AND BLACKFEET! I'LL LOCK UP THE STOCKADE GATE SO WE'LL BE SAFE!
BUT THAT WAS ALL YEARS AGO SIR! THIS IS THE YEAR 1940---
3

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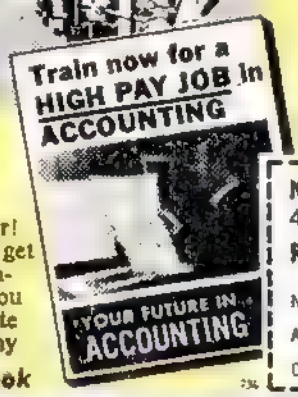

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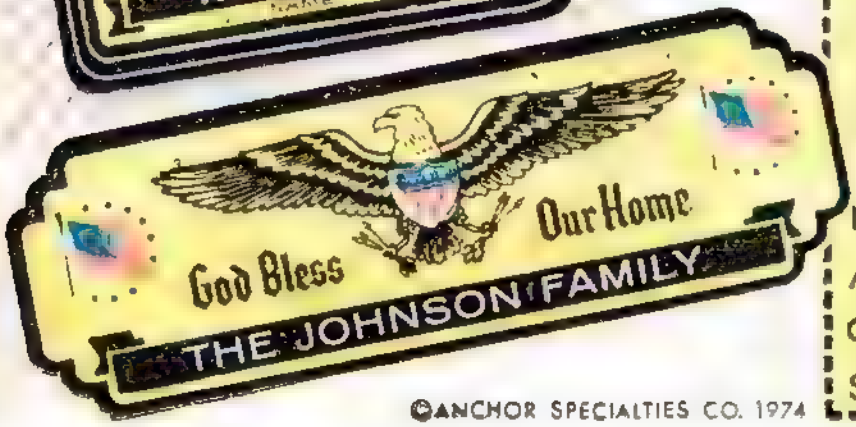

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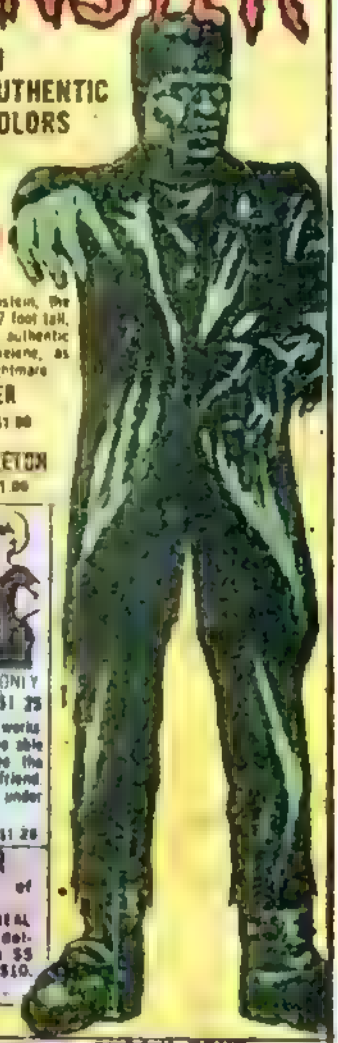

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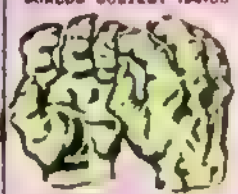

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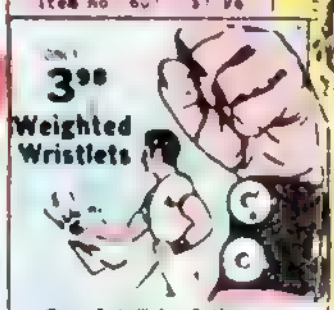

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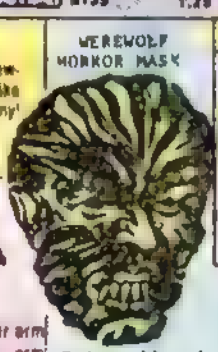

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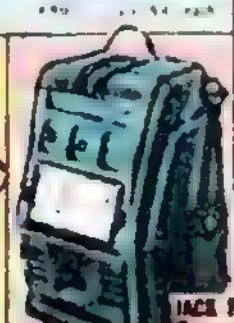

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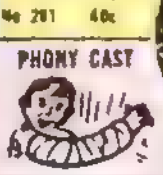

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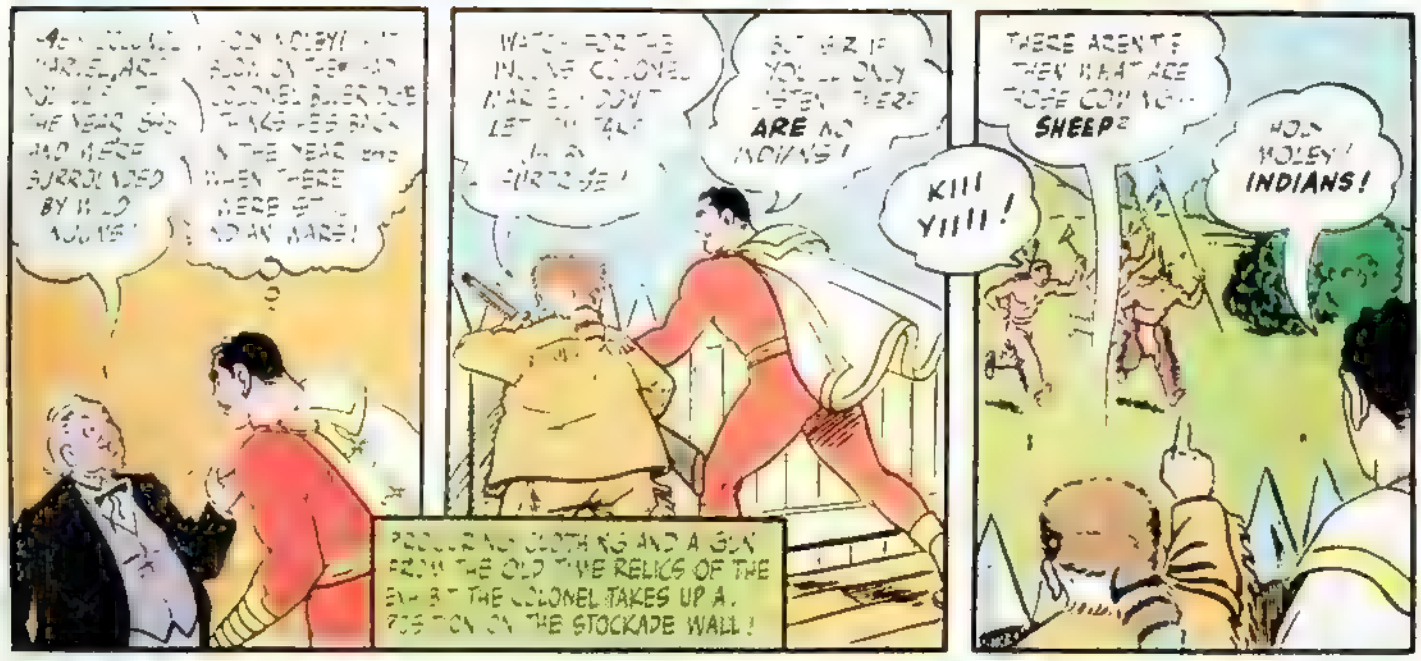
HOLY MOLEY! IT WAS ALMOST 100 YEARS AGO ON THIS VERY SPOT THAT COLONEL BOWIE MADE HIS LAST STAND AGAINST HOSTILE INDIANS!
IN THE YEAR 1836 WHEN THERE WERE NO INDIAN WARS!
WATCH FOR THE INDIANS COLONEL MAKE SURE DON'T LET 'EM TAKE US BY SURPRISE!
BUT SAY IF YOU'LL ONLY LISTEN THERE ARE NO INDIANS!
KIII YIIII!
THERE AREN'T? THEN WHAT ARE THOSE COW YOU SHEEP?
HOLY MOLEY! INDIANS!
PECULIAR NO CLOTHING AND A GUN FROM THE OLD TIME RELICS OF THE ENEMY BUT THE COLONEL TAKES UP A POSITION ON THE STOCKADE WALL!

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I DON'T WANT A HAIRCUT!
AE-- I DROVE THEM OFF COLONEL MARVEL YOU HELPED TOO! I THINK IN TIME YOU'LL BECOME AS GREAT AN INDIAN-FIGHTER AS I AM!
ER--THANKS! BUT WHAT BOTHERS ME IS--WHERE DID THOSE INDIANS COME FROM? THEY TOO SEEM TO THINK IT'S THE OLD-TIME DAYS OF 84o!
WE'LL FIND OUT WHERE THEY CAME FROM! I CAN FOLLOW TRACKS AS GOOD AS ANY INJUN! COMING, COLONEL MARVEL?
THIS IS GETTING CRAZIER BY THE MINUTE!
LATER...
THEY ENTERED THIS BIG CAVE!
HMM LET'S GO IN!
ARROWS DUCK, COLONEL!
I'M NOT DUCKING SIR!
IGNORING THE HAIL OF DEATH, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL INVADES THE CAVE!
I'M GOING IN! THE ANSWER TO THIS CRAZY RIDDLE MUST BE INSIDE!
THEY'RE RUNNING FARTHER BACK INTO THE CAVE
RUN! PALEFACE HEAP BAD MEDICINE!
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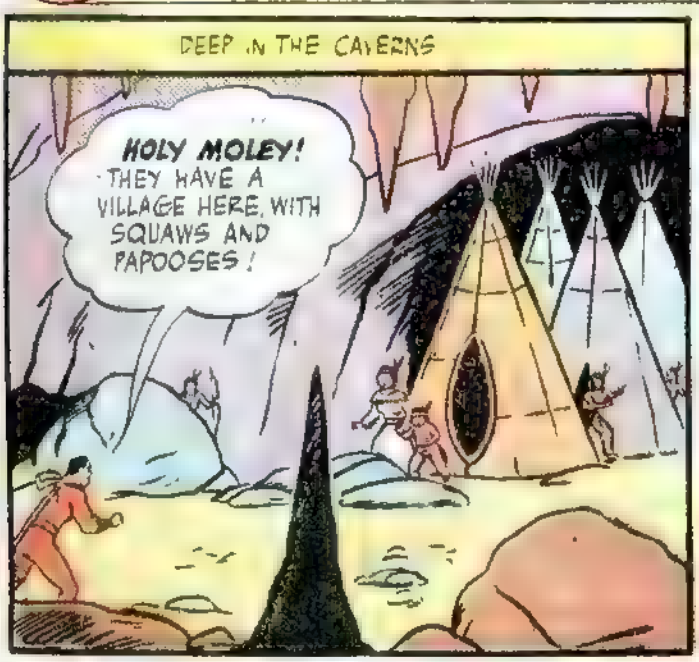
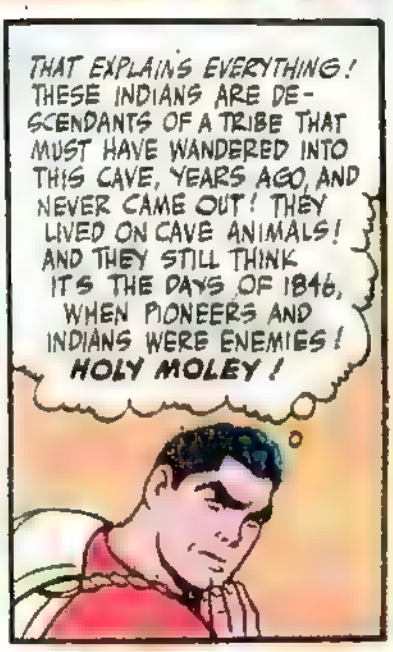
CAPTAIN MARVEL



ME CHIEF MUD-IN-EYE! WHAT PALEFACE WANT?
LISTEN, CHIEF! COMMAND YOUR BRAVES TO STOP FIGHTING! THE PALEFACE AND REDSKINS HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR YEARS!

NOW TELL ME, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING IN THESE CAVES?
MANY, MANY MOONS! MY FATHER LIVE AND DIE HERE TOO! WE JUST FOUND WAY OUT TODAY!


THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING! THESE INDIANS ARE DESCENDANTS OF A TRIBE THAT MUST HAVE WANDERED INTO THIS CAVE, YEARS AGO, AND NEVER CAME OUT! THEY LIVED ON CAVE ANIMALS! AND THEY STILL THINK IT'S THE DAYS OF 1846, WHEN PIONEERS AND INDIANS WERE ENEMIES! HOLY MOLEY!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

UH! WH-WHERE AM I? WHAT AM I DOING IN THIS CAVE? WHO ARE THESE INDIANS?
THANK HEAVEN! THE SECOND BLOW STRAIGHTENED THE COLONEL OUT!
COLONEL I'VE EXPLAINED TO THIS LOST TRIBE THAT IT IS NOW 1945 AND THAT WE NO LONGER WAR WITH THE INDIANS SHAKE HANDS WITH THE CHIEF!
SURE!
SMOKEUM PEACE-PIPE NOW!
FINE! WE'RE ALL FRIENDS NOW! IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A MODERN LIVING, CHIEF, JUST CHARGE ADMISSION TO CONDUCT TOURISTS AROUND THIS CAVE!
LATER...
LET ME TELL YOU SOME MORE STORIES OF MY INDIAN DAYS, COLONEL MARVEL!
ER - I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT! BUT THANKS FOR THE PROMOTION ANYWAY. FROM CAPTAIN TO COLONEL, SIR!
--AND DON'T MISS THE PIONEER STOCKADE AT THE KENTUCKY CENTENNIAL, FOLKS! COLONEL BLUERIDGE WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HOW HE AND COLONEL---ER--CAPTAIN MARVEL DISCOVERED THE LOST INDIANS IN THE CAVE!
THE END
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ANSWERS TO SHAZAM TRIVIA QUIZ ON PAGE 24

1.— A. BILLY BATSON– X. STATION WHIZ
B. MR. MIND–Y. THE PLANETOID PUNKUS
C. MARY BATSON–Z. THE BROMFIELD MANSION
D. SHAZAM–W. THE ROCK OF ETERNITY
E. FREDDY FREEMAN–V. A NEWSSTAND
F. DR. SIVANA–U. THE PLANET VENUS

2.— KING KULL NEVER BELONGED TO THE MONSTER SOCIETY.

3.— UNCLE MARVEL HAS NO SUPER-POWERS.
MARY MARVEL DERIVES HER POWERS FROM SIX GODDESSES.
BLACK ADAM LIVED BEFORE SOLOMON, HERCULES AND ACHILLES. HIS CHART OF POWERS WILL BE REVEALED IN A FUTURE ISSUE.
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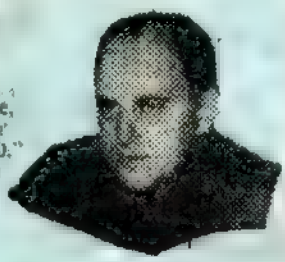

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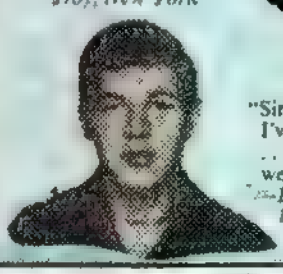

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SAILS BEFORE THE MAST

HELP!
WE'RE GOING ON THE ROCKS!
IT IS MANY YEARS SINCE THE WINDJAMMERS OF YORE ROUNDED CAPE HORN, ONE OF THE MOST HAZARDOUS FEATS OF THE PRE-STEAM ERA! BUT JOIN CAPTAIN MARVEL NOW AS HE SIGNS UP ON A RESURRECTED OLD SAILING SHIP, AND WITH THE TANG OF SALT SEA IN THE A.R., HELPS A GALLANT CREW RELIVE ADVENTURE AND ROUND THE HORN!
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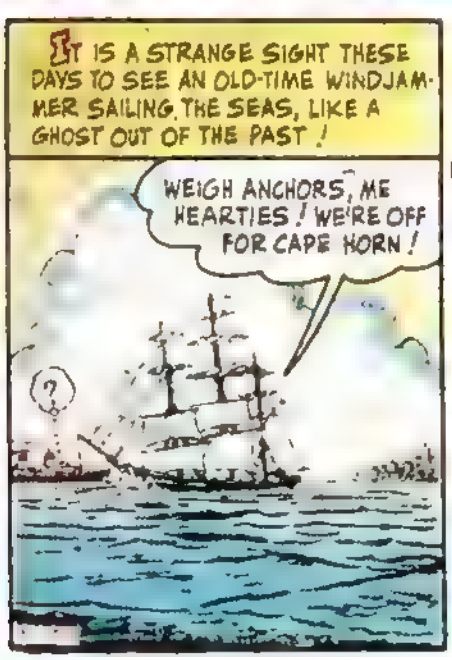
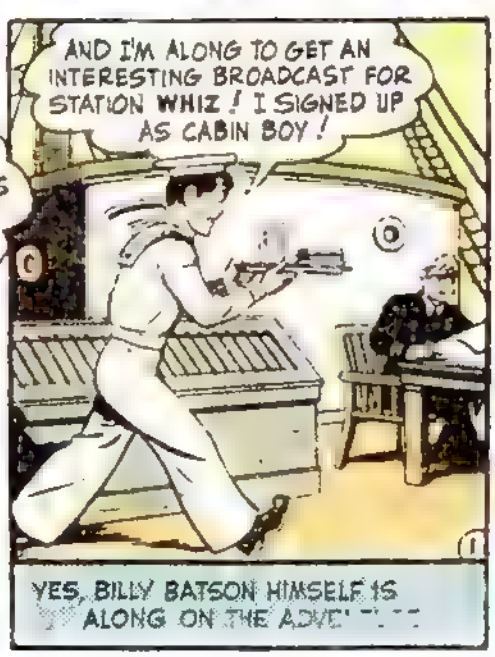

IT IS A STRANGE SIGHT THESE DAYS TO SEE AN OLD-TIME WINDJAMMER SAILING THE SEAS, LIKE A GHOST OUT OF THE PAST!
WEIGH ANCHORS, ME HEARTIES! WE'RE OFF FOR CAPE HORN!

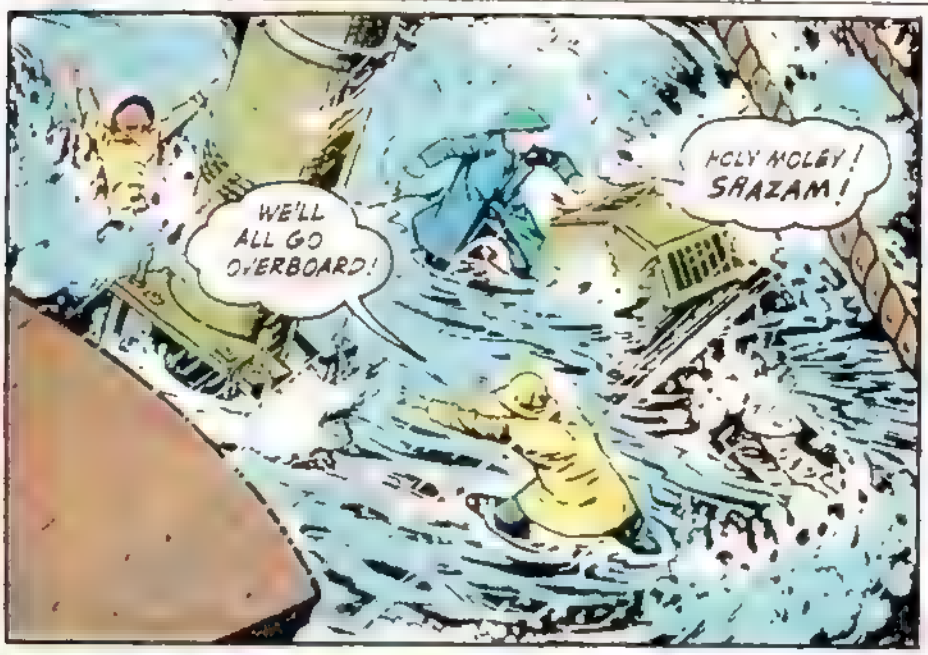
THE SPONSOR OF THE VOYAGE IS RICH, YOUNG QUENTIN VANDECKER, ADVENTURER AND THRILL-SEEKER!
I BOUGHT THIS OLD SAILING SHIP AND REFITTED IT! ROUNDING THE HORN WAS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT FEATS IN THE OLD SAILING DAYS! I'M DOING IT FOR THE THRILL!

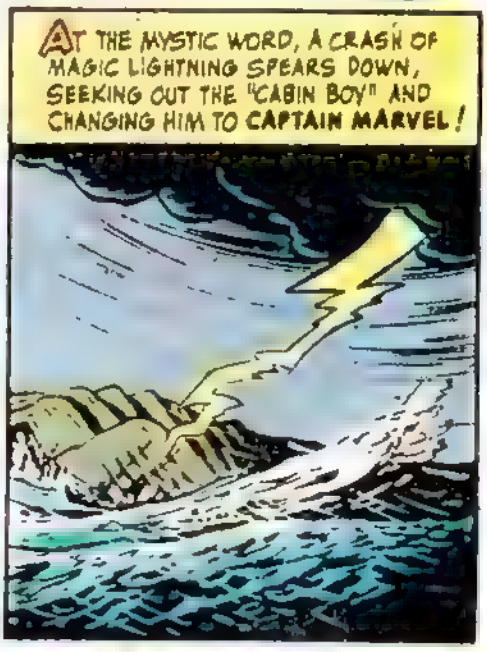

AND I'M ALONG TO GET AN INTERESTING BROADCAST FOR STATION WHIZ! I SIGNED UP AS CABIN BOY!
YES, BILLY BATSON HIMSELF IS ALONG ON THE ADVE

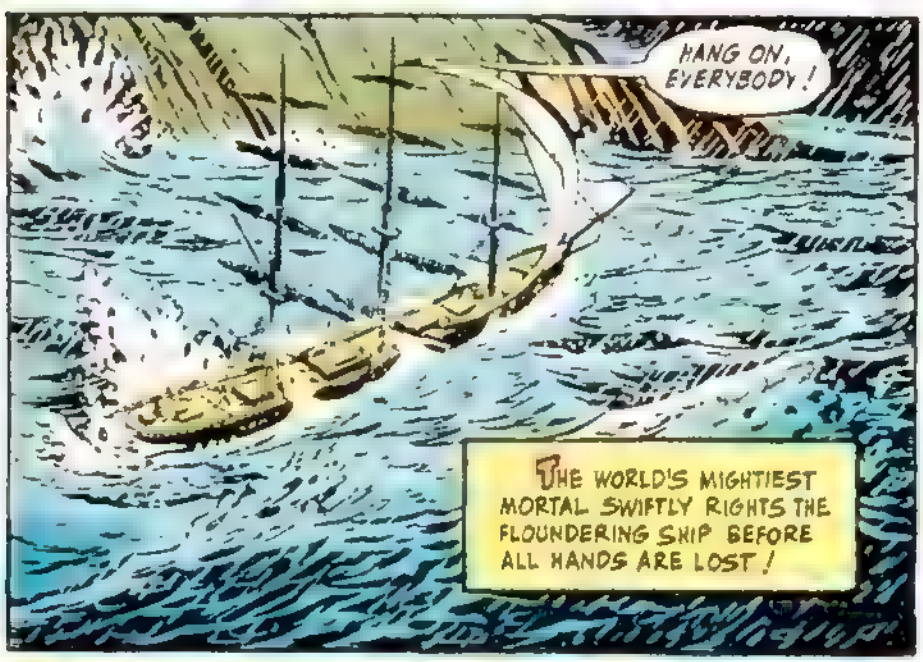
SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

I HIRED A GOOD CREW, RUN BY CAPTAIN BRYCE! I PROMISED BRYCE A BONUS OF $10,000 IF HE GOT US AROUND THE HORN SAFELY! HE'S A ROUGH AND TOUGH OLD SALT OF THE SEA!
AVAST! MAINS'LS AND TOPS'LS! LIVELY NOW!
I'LL EARN THAT $10,000 AND SWING US AROUND THE HORN, VANDECKER! NOTHING WILL STOP US ··· NOTHING! I PROMISE YOU!
VERY GOOD, CAPTAIN BRYCE!
BUT DON'T FORGET, I'M BOSS AT SEA! NO LOAFING ON MY SHIP, CABIN BOY! GET MOVING!
AYE, SIR!
WHAP
THERE ARE CALM SEAS AND GOOD SAILING DOWN TO THE TIP OF SOUTH AMERICA, AND THAT PART OF THE TRIP IS ENJOYABLE!
♫ SAILING! SAILING! OVER THE BOUNDING MAIN! ♫
BUT NEAR CAPE HORN, THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE!
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO TURN BACK!
THIS WON'T STOP US! NOTHING WILL!
BUT SUDDENLY, A SCREAMING GUST OF WIND BOWLS THE DRIVEN SHIP COMPLETELY OVER!
WE'RE CAPSIZING! WE'RE LOST!

CAPTAIN MARVEL

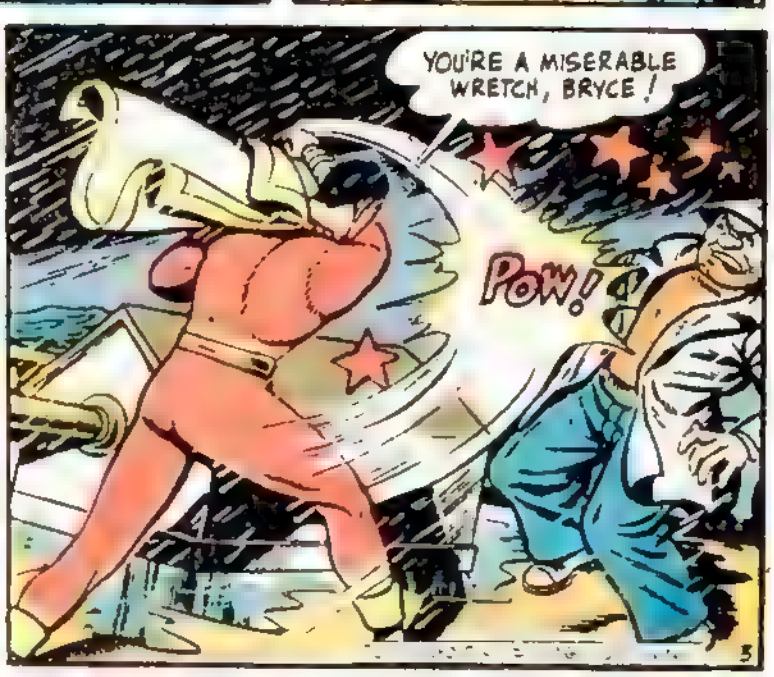






CAPTAIN MARVEL APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND SAVED US! BUT WE CAN'T GO ON, CAPTAIN BRYCE! I CAN'T RISK LIVES! WE'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK!
I AGREE WITH YOU, VANDECKER!

BUT IT IS NOW THAT CAPTAIN BRYCE FULLY REVEALS HIS RUTHLESS, BRUTAL NATURE!
NO! WE'RE GOING ON! I WANT THAT $10,000 BONUS FOR ROUNDING THE HORN, SEE?
WHAT? YOU'D RISK LIVES FOR THE MONEY?



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YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT AT SEA, A CAPTAIN IS SUPREME BOSS ON A SHIP? THROW HIM IN IRONS FOR INSUBORDINATION!
WHAT?
THE CREW OBEYS AND CAPTAIN MARVEL TAMELY SUBMITS!
SORRY, CAPTAIN MARVEL! BUT I'M AFRAID HE'S RIGHT! IT'S AN OLD SEA LAW THAT THE CAPTAIN OF A SHIP HAS FULL AUTHORITY!
I FORGOT! AND I CAN'T BREAK THE LAW! BRYCE HAS THE UPPER HAND!
AND SO THE HAZARDOUS JOURNEY GOES ON, UNDER A DOMINEERING TYRANT!
LOOK OUT! WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE ROCKS!
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! I'VE GOT TO SNAP MY CHAINS AND SAVE THE SHIP AGAIN BECAUSE OF THAT PIG-HEADED CAPTAIN!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
GETTING AROUND THE HORN IS NO PICNIC!
NOW, LISTEN TO REASON, CAPTAIN BRYCE! TURN BACK BEFORE WORSE HAPPENS, AND...
YOU DARE TALK BACK TO THE MASTER OF THIS SHIP? HAVE HIM FLOGGED! 100 LASHES ON HIS BARE BACK!
AND AGAIN, CAPTAIN MARVEL MUST SUBMIT!
THIS DOESN'T HURT, OF COURSE, BUT IT'S THE HUMILIATION!
98--99--100! THAT OUGHT TO TAME HIM DOWN!
SMACK

CAPTAIN MARVEL

NOW WILL YOU OBEY ORDERS? JOIN THE CREW AND NO MORE BACK TALK!
AYE, AYE, SIR! YOU'RE THE BOSS!
I HATE TO KNUCKLE DOWN TO HIM! BUT THE ONLY THING TO DO IS GET THE SHIP AROUND THE HORN NOW!
YES! I'M HELPLESS TO STOP HIM, EVEN THOUGH I OWN THE SHIP!
IN THE FOLLOWING GRIM DAYS, FIGHTING THROUGH WIND AND STORM, CAPTAIN MARVEL SOON BECOMES A ONE-MAN CREW!
THE REST OF THE CREW IS ALL BATTERED AND SICK! I'VE GOT TO CARRY OUT ALL OF BRYCE'S COMMANDS MYSELF!
LASH THAT SAIL! FURL THE MIZZENSAIL! UP WITH THE TOPS'LS! LIVELY THERE, YA SWAB!
AND EVEN IN BRIEF MOMENTS OF CALM...
SWAB THE DECK! HA, HA! I'VE GOT THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL TAMED LIKE A RABBIT!
HE'S SURE RUBBING IT IN! AND I CAN'T SAY A WORD, SINCE HE IS LEGALLY THE MASTER AT SEA! FOR TWO CENTS I'D PULL A MUTINY... NO, NO! THAT'S WRONG!
BUT A MUTINY DOES ARISE, LED BY QUENTIN VANDECKER HIMSELF!
YOU'RE A MADMAN, CAPTAIN BRYCE! WE'RE TAKING OVER THIS SHIP! WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR TYRANNY!
CAPTAIN MARVEL IS FORCED TO SIDE WITH BRYCE!
BOP!
STOP! MUTINY IS A CRIME! NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE CAN'T TURN BACK! WE HAVE TO GO ON AROUND THE HORN!
TURNCOAT! TRAITOR!
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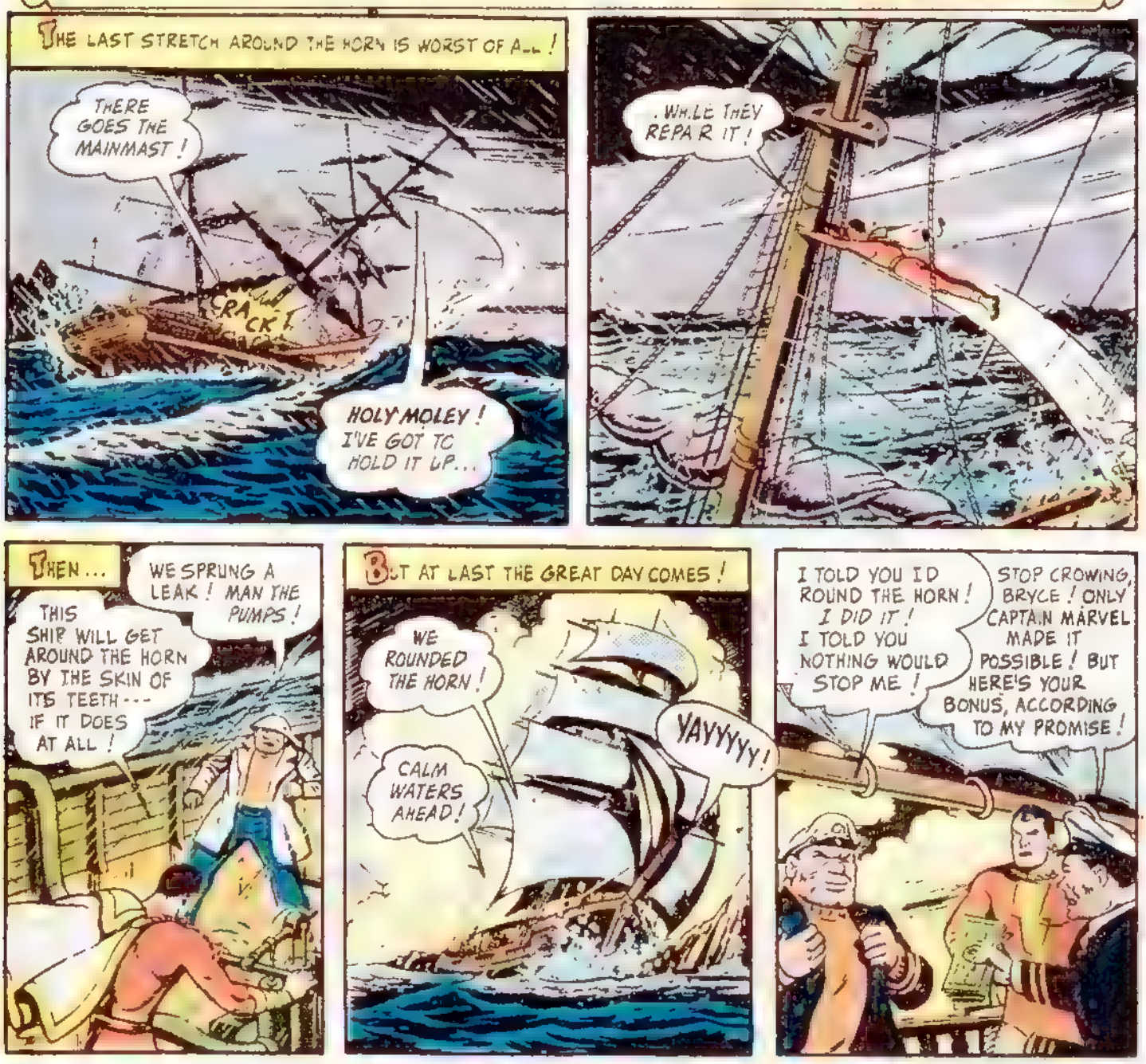
SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!


THE LAST STRETCH AROUND THE HORN IS WORST OF ALL!
THERE GOES THE MAINMAST!
CRACK!
HOLY MOLEY! I'VE GOT TO HOLD IT UP...
WHILE THEY REPAIR IT!
THEN...
WE SPRUNG A LEAK! MAN THE PUMPS!
THIS SHIP WILL GET AROUND THE HORN BY THE SKIN OF ITS TEETH--- IF IT DOES AT ALL!
BUT AT LAST THE GREAT DAY COMES!
WE ROUNDED THE HORN!
CALM WATERS AHEAD!
YAYYYYY!
I TOLD YOU I'D ROUND THE HORN! I DID IT! I TOLD YOU NOTHING WOULD STOP ME!
STOP CROWING, BRYCE! ONLY CAPTAIN MARVEL MADE IT POSSIBLE! BUT HERE'S YOUR BONUS, ACCORDING TO MY PROMISE!
THAT'S NOT ALL THE MONEY I WANT, VANDECKER! AS MASTER OF THIS SHIP, I ALSO FINE YOU $ 10,000 FOR ATTEMPTED MUTINY!
HOLY MOLEY! CAN HE DO THAT, TOO, LEGALLY?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS! IF I COULD ONLY GET SOMETHING ON HIM. WAIT! SUPPOSE BILLY BATSON SEARCHES HIS CABIN! SHAZAM!
MAGIC LIGHTNING BRINGS BACK BILLY BATSON!
BAM
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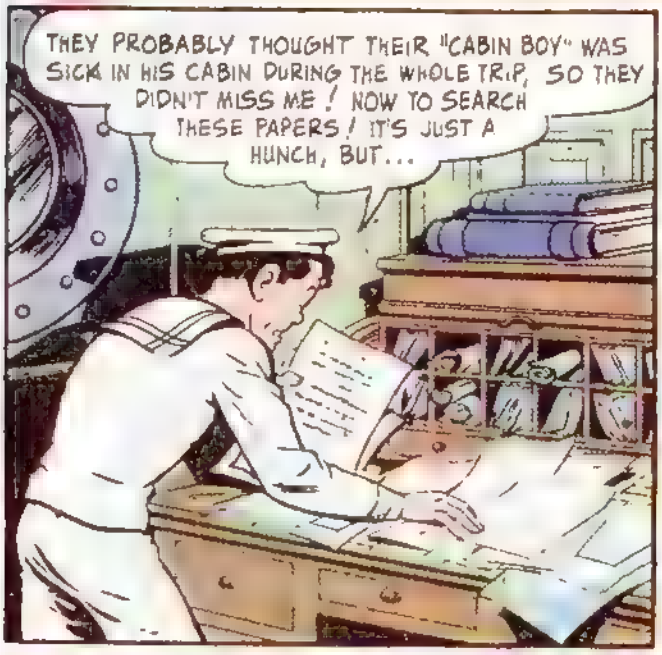
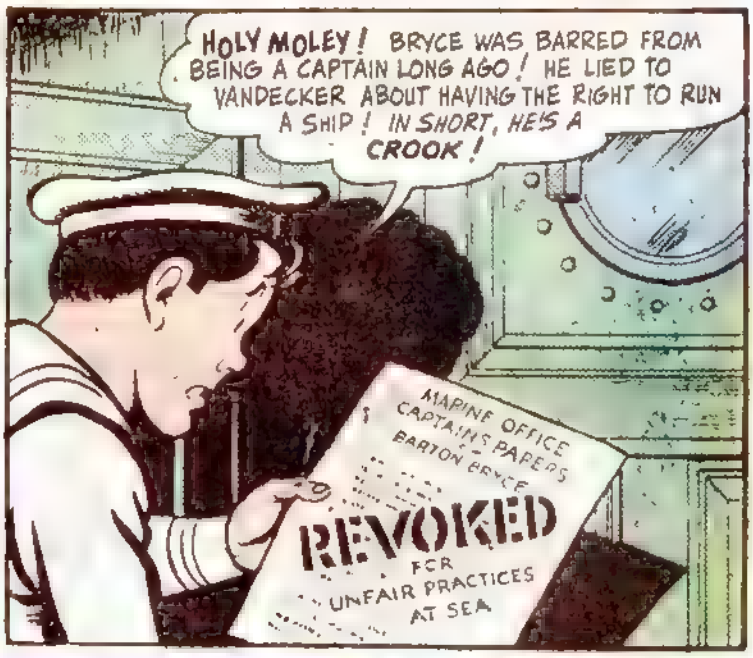
CAPTAIN MARVEL


THEY PROBABLY THOUGHT THEIR "CABIN BOY" WAS SICK IN HIS CABIN DURING THE WHOLE TRIP, SO THEY DIDN'T MISS ME! NOW TO SEARCH THESE PAPERS! IT'S JUST A HUNCH, BUT...


HOLY MOLEY! BRYCE WAS BARRED FROM BEING A CAPTAIN LONG AGO! HE LIED TO VANDECKER ABOUT HAVING THE RIGHT TO RUN A SHIP! IN SHORT, HE'S A CROOK!
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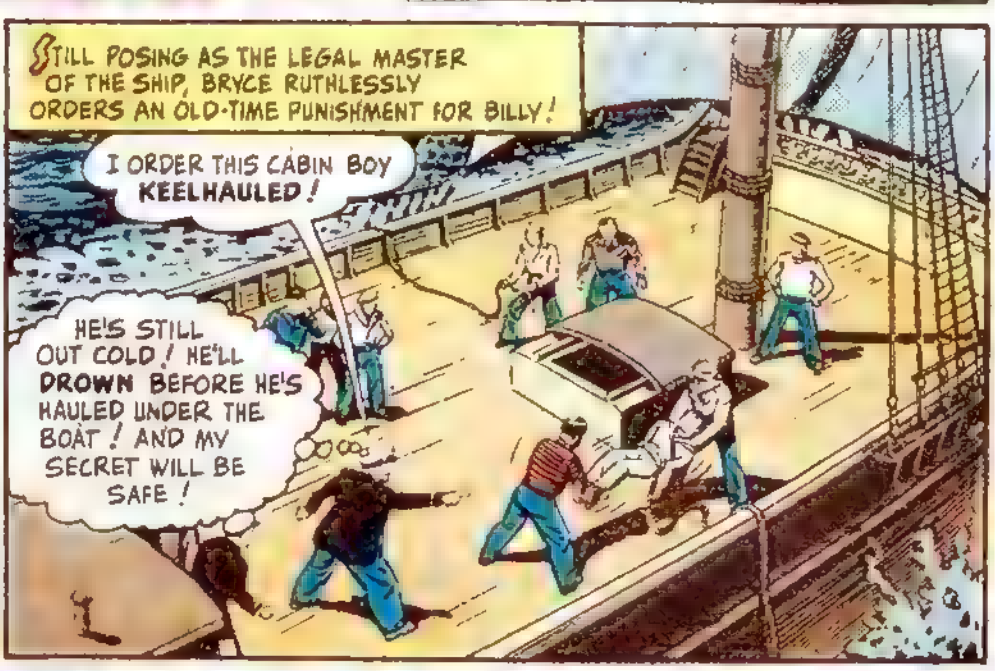
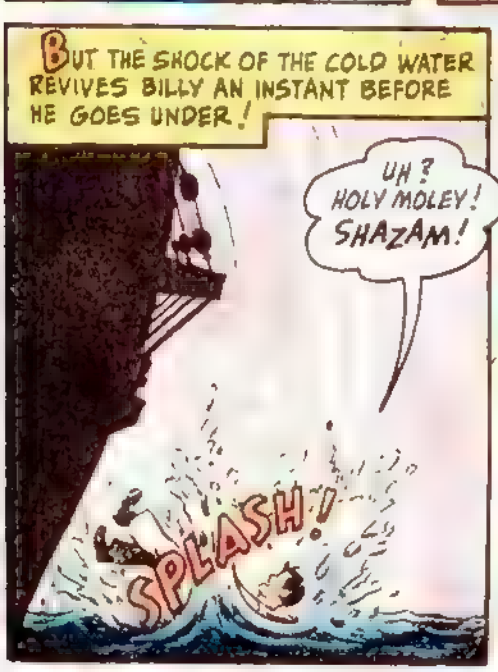
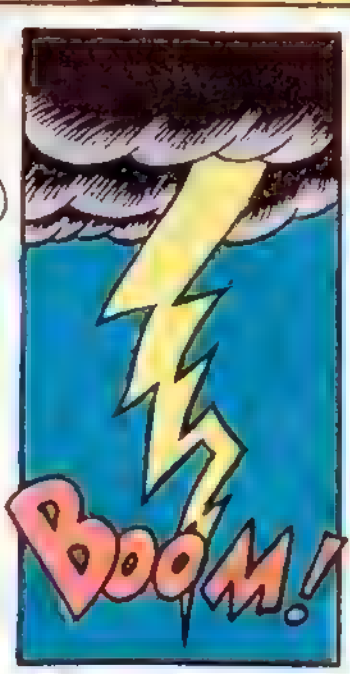
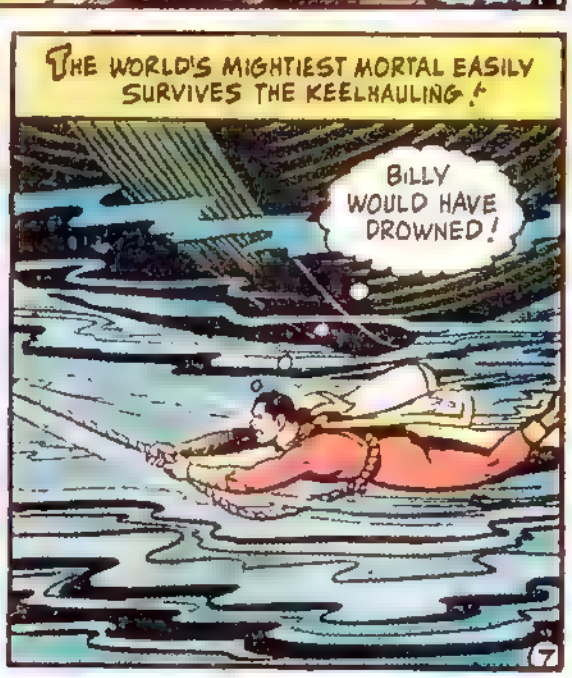
CAPTAIN'S PAPERS
BARTON BRYCE
REVOKED
FOR
UNFAIR PRACTICES
AT SEA


STILL POSING AS THE LEGAL MASTER OF THE SHIP, BRYCE RUTHLESSLY ORDERS AN OLD-TIME PUNISHMENT FOR BILLY!
I ORDER THIS CABIN BOY KEELHAULED!
HE'S STILL OUT COLD! HE'LL DROWN BEFORE HE'S HAULED UNDER THE BOAT! AND MY SECRET WILL BE SAFE!







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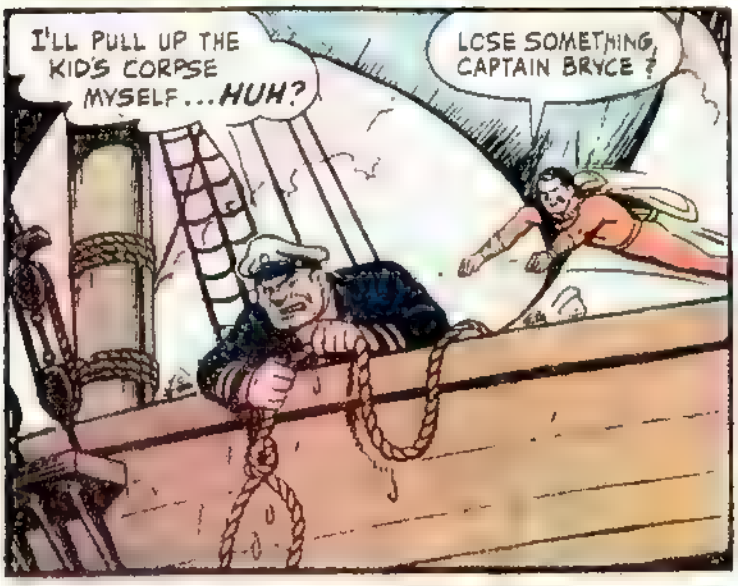
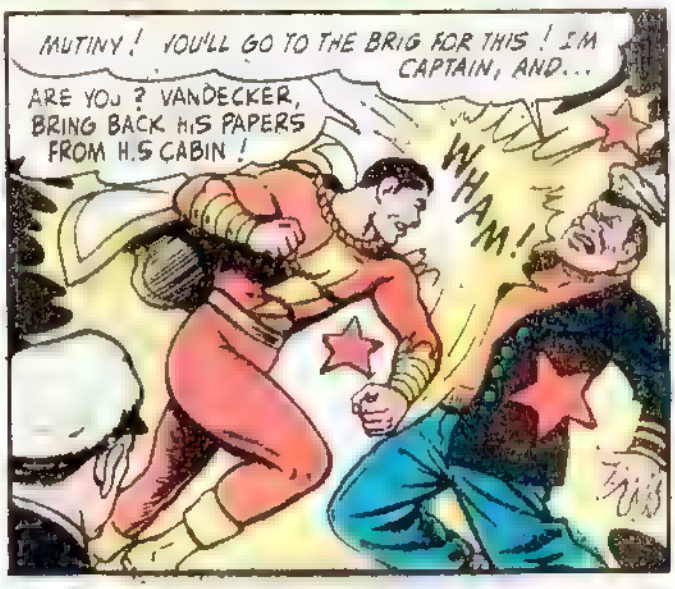
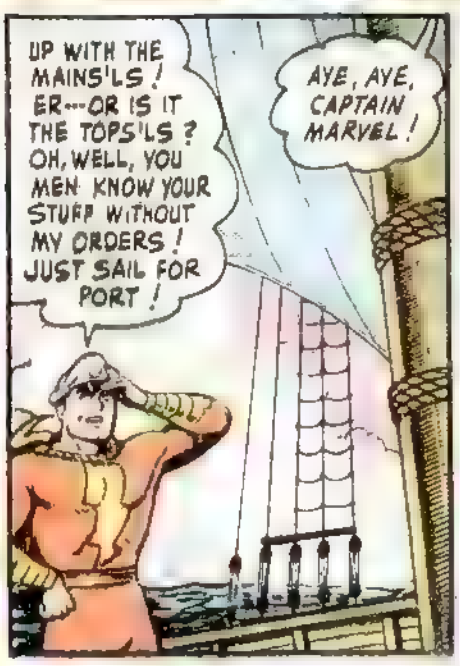
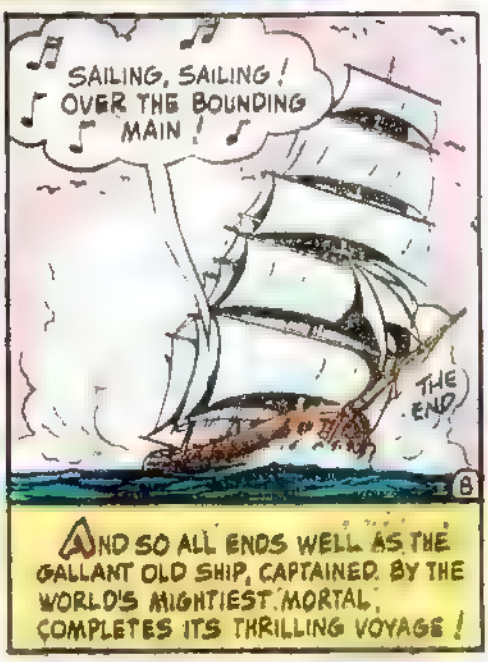
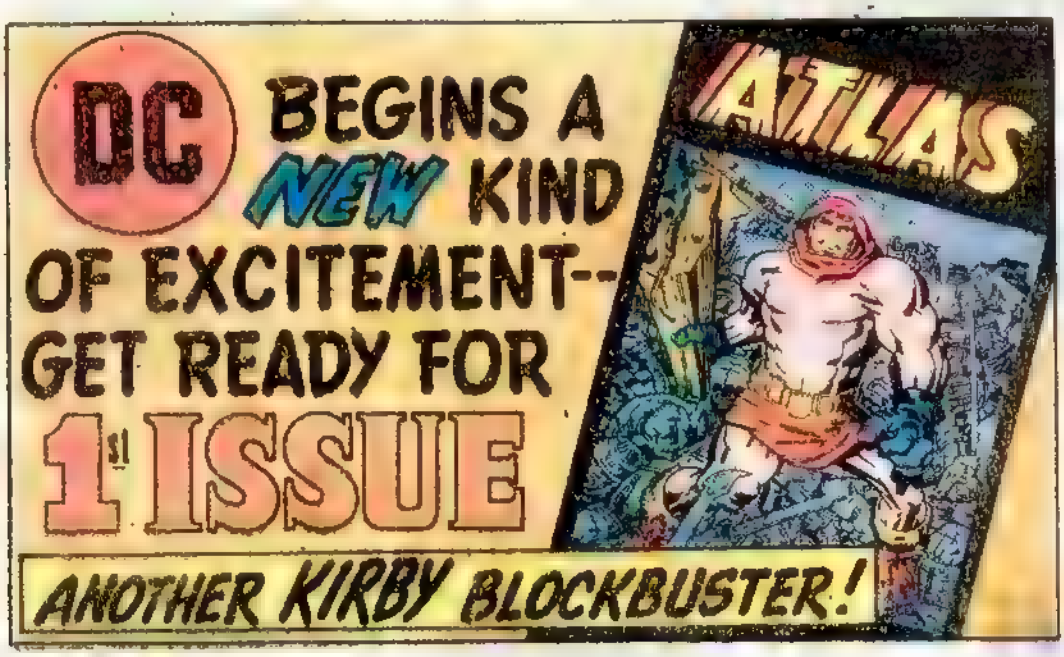




BRYCE IS A FRAUD! I HEREBY APPOINT CAPTAIN MARVEL AS MASTER OF THIS SHIP TILL WE REACH PORT!
MEN, TOSS THAT SCOUNDREL IN THE BRIG!
AYE, SIR!
REVOKED


UP WITH THE MAINS'LS! ER--OR IS IT THE TOPS'LS? OH, WELL, YOU MEN KNOW YOUR STUFF WITHOUT MY ORDERS! JUST SAIL FOR PORT!
AYE, AYE, CAPTAIN MARVEL!


SAILING, SAILING! OVER THE BOUNDING MAIN!
THE END
AND SO ALL ENDS WELL AS THE GALLANT OLD SHIP, CAPTAINED BY THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL, COMPLETES ITS THRILLING VOYAGE!



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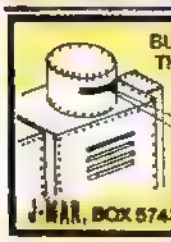

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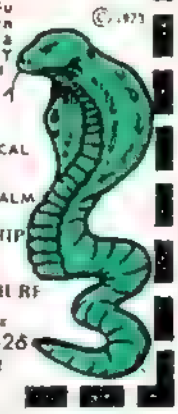

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4. ZEUS

The fourth power on **Captain Marvel's** chart is that of **Zeus.** And the power of **Zeus** was indeed great, for he was king of the Olympian gods.

Zeus's father was **Cronus,** chief of the **Titans.** He had overthrown his own father, **Uranus,** god of the heavens; but both **Uranus** and **Gaea** the Earth-goddess, mother of **Cronus,** had prophesied that he in turn would be dethroned by his son. To prevent this, **Cronus** swallowed each of his children as soon as it was born.

His wife, **Rhea,** was horrified; and when he had swallowed five babes—**Hestia, Demeter, Hera, Hades** and **Poseidon**—she asked **Uranus** and **Gaea** how she could save her next child. They told her what to do, and she bore **Zeus** secretly and left him in the care of nymphs at Mt. Aegeum in Crete. Then she gave **Cronus** a stone wrapped in swaddling-clothes, which he swallowed, thinking it was the child.

Zeus was nursed by a goat named **Amaltheia,** and he ate honey. Some say his foster-brother was **Pan,** the horned, goat-footed god. **Zeus's** golden cradle hung from a tree so that **Cronus** could not find him in heaven, on Earth or in the sea. He was guarded by armed men called **Curetes,** who clashed their shields and spears together to drown out the infant's crying.

When he had grown up, **Zeus** got himself appointed cupbearer to **Cronus** and gave him a drink mixed with mustard and salt. This caused the old god to cough up the children he had swallowed. They were all full-grown now, and asked **Zeus** to lead them in a fight against the **Titans.**

Gaea prophesied that **Zeus** would win if he could free those sons of hers whom **Cronus** had imprisoned in **Tartarus,** under the Earth, and enlist them on his side. The young god slew the jaileress, **Campe,** and released the one-eyed **Cyclopes** and the three **Hundred-Handed Ones.** In gratitude, the **Cyclopes,** who were wonderful craftsmen, gave **Zeus** thunderbolts for weapons. They also gave **Poseidon** a trident and **Hades** a helmet which could make him invisible. Hades then stole into **Cronus'** presence to steal his weapons. Then, while **Poseidon** attacked **Cronus** with his trident, **Zeus** struck him by surprise with a thunderbolt. The **Hundred-Handed Ones** hurled rocks at the remaining **Titans,** then a sudden shout from **Pan** put them to flight. This is the origin of the word "panic."

Zeus and his brothers now cast lots for dominion of the sea, sky and underworld. **Zeus** won the sky, **Poseidon** the sea, and **Hades** the underworld. (The Romans called **Zeus Jupiter** or **Jove** and **Poseidon, Neptune. Hades** was also called **Pluto** by the Greeks and **Dis** by the Romans.) In memory, **Zeus** set up at Delphi the stone **Cronus** had swallowed; a stone was still shown there as the original as late as the second century A.D. **Zeus** also set **Amaltheia's** image among the stars as **Capricorn,** the goat constellation. He took one of her horns, which became the famous **Cornucopia,** or **Horn of Plenty;** it was always filled with whatever food or drink its owner desired.

Zeus took **Hera** as his queen. Their children included **Ares (Mars)** the war-god, **Hephaestus (Vulcan)** the smith-god, and **Hebe** the goddess of youth and cupbearer of the gods. But the royal couple often quarreled. Finally, **Zeus's** pride became so unbearable that **Hera** and other Olympians plotted to dethrone him. While he slept, they bound him with rawhide thongs tied in a hundred knots, with his thunderbolts out of reach. As the gods quarreled over which should succeed **Zeus,** the **Hundred-Handed Briareus** freed the captive god. Because she had led the conspiracy, **Zeus** hung **Hera** from the sky by golden bracelets. **Hephaestus** defended his mother, so **Zeus** hurled him to Earth. He landed on the island of Lemnos, breaking both legs. He was lame ever after, but he was later forgiven by **Zeus** and forged his thunderbolts, the **Cyclopes** becoming his assistants.

Later, a group of terrible **Giants,** brothers of the **Titans,** stormed Olympus to get revenge. **Hera** prophesied that only a mortal, clad in a lion skin could kill the huge beings. So **Hercules** came to Olympus and killed the **Giants** as fast as the gods struck them down. Many were hit by **Zeus's** thunderbolts, but **Hercules** had to finish the job.

Angry at the slaying of so many of her sons, **Gaea** sent her last-born against the gods. This was **Typhon,** the biggest monster of all time; his head brushed the stars; his hands and legs were serpents; his eyes flashed fire and his mouth belched flames. When they saw him, the gods turned into animals and fled into Egypt. **Zeus** became a ram, hence the Egyptians worshipped him as the ram-headed **Amon.** But he finally turned and fought **Typhon** with thunderbolts. The monster hurled mountains at him, but **Zeus** knocked them back with his bolts. At last **Typhon** fell on the island of Sicily, and **Zeus** buried him under Mt. Aetna, which still belches flames.

With the power of this mighty god, it's no wonder **Captain Marvel** has never been beaten! Next—**Achilles.**

SHAZAM! PUZZLE PAGE

HERE'S A NEW BATCH OF BRAIN-TEASERS TO GIVE YOU A STIMULATING MENTAL WORKOUT. IF YOU DON'T GET THE ANSWERS RIGHT OFF THE BAT, STUDY THE CLUES WITH EACH REBUS AND YOU'LL COME OUT A WINNER! HERE'S AN EXAMPLE:

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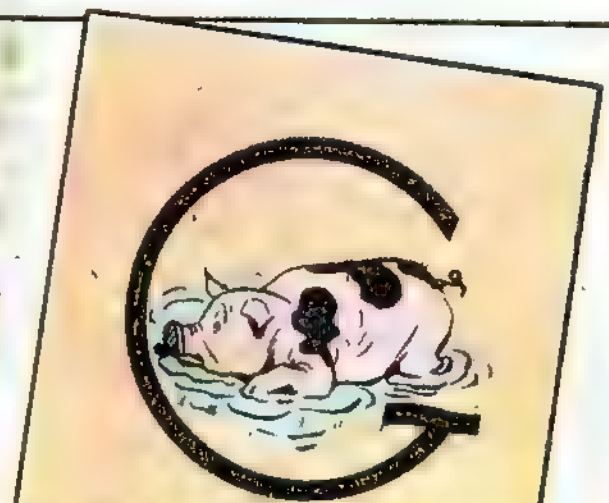
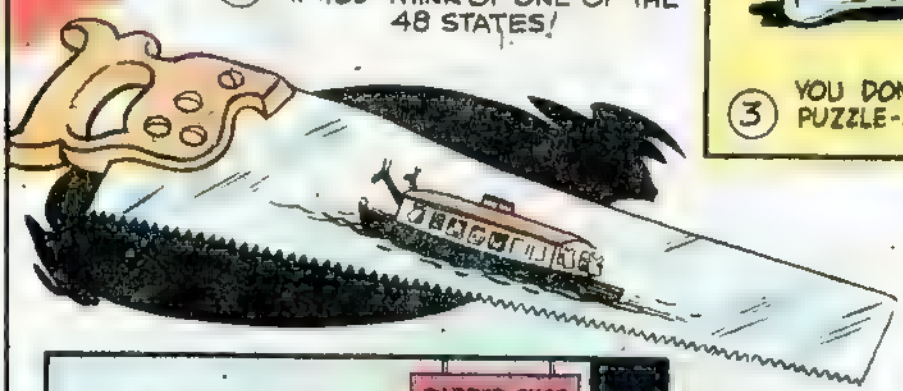
UNDERSTAND? OK, NOW TRY THESE!



1 THIS IS LIABLE TO BE SCARED OF ITS OWN SHADOW!

3 YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A NAPOLEON OF PUZZLE-SOLVERS TO DOPE THIS OUT!

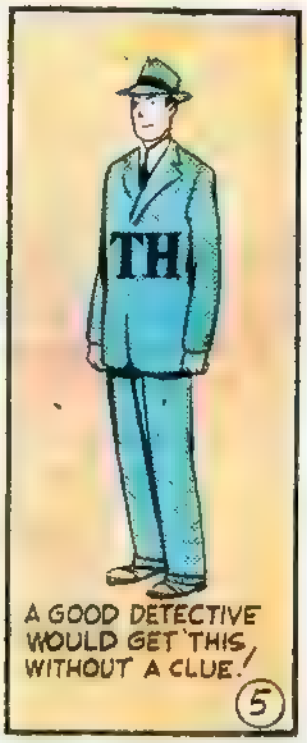
2 THIS PROBLEM WILL BE EASIER IF YOU THINK OF ONE OF THE 48 STATES!



4 HERE'S THE TRICKIEST OF THE LOT. GET THIS AND YOU'RE GOOD! IT'S ABOUT SOMETHING TO EAT!

ANSWERS

1. G ROUND HOG = GROUND HOG
2. ARK IN SAW = ARKANSAS
3. BONE APART = BONAPARTE
4. BARBER QUEUE = BARBECUE
5. TH IN MAN = THIN MAN



A GOOD DETECTIVE WOULD GET THIS, WITHOUT A CLUE!

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IT'S TIME FOR A ROUNDUP OF THE GREAT SPORTS EVENTS OF THE PAST! AND THIS WEEK, WE HAVE SPECIAL COVERAGE OF THE SPORT OF KINGS... THOROUGHBRED HORSE-RACING!
MARY MARVEL
The World's Mightiest Girl!
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HI-YO, MARY MARVEL! AWA-AY!
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MARY BATSON AND HER FOSTER MOTHER, MRS. BROMFIELD, ARE INTERESTED SPECTATORS AT A HORSE AUCTION...
ART: JACK BINDER
MY! AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS, MARY?
YES INDEED, MOTHER!
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO JIVES, MOTHER? HE WAS HERE A MOMENT AGO!
BUT JIVES, THE BROMFIELDS' BUTLER, IS TEMPORARILY LOST AMONG A CROWD OF HORSE BIDDERS!
EXCUSE ME PLEASE! I MUST GET THROUGH!
THAT GENTLEMAN BIDS FOUR HUNDRED! WHO'LL MAKE IT FIVE?

MARY MARVEL

THERE'S MRS. BROMFIELD AND MARY!
YOO HOO!
SOLD! TO THE GENTLEMAN WHO JUST BID FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS!
WHO, ME?
YOU'VE BOUGHT A FINE ANIMAL IN SILVER LIGHTNING! HE USED TO BE A RACE HORSE BEFORE HE JOINED THE U.S. CAVALRY!
:GULP: FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS! WHAT WILL I DO WITH HIM? I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN TO THE RACES!
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE BOUGHT HIM, JIVES! WHEN YOU WAVED AT US, THE AUCTIONEER TOOK IT AS A SIGN THAT YOU WERE BIDDING ON THE HORSE!
BUT I'M SURE YOU CAN EXPLAIN THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW! JUST TELL HIM YOU'VE NEVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCE WITH HORSES!
NO EXPERIENCE INDEED! MADAM, I WAS PRACTICALLY BORN TO THE SADDLE!
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW EASY IT IS! YOU MERELY GET A FIRM GRIP AND SWING LIGHTLY UP...
... INTO THE SADDLE!
WE SEE JUST WHAT YOU MEAN!
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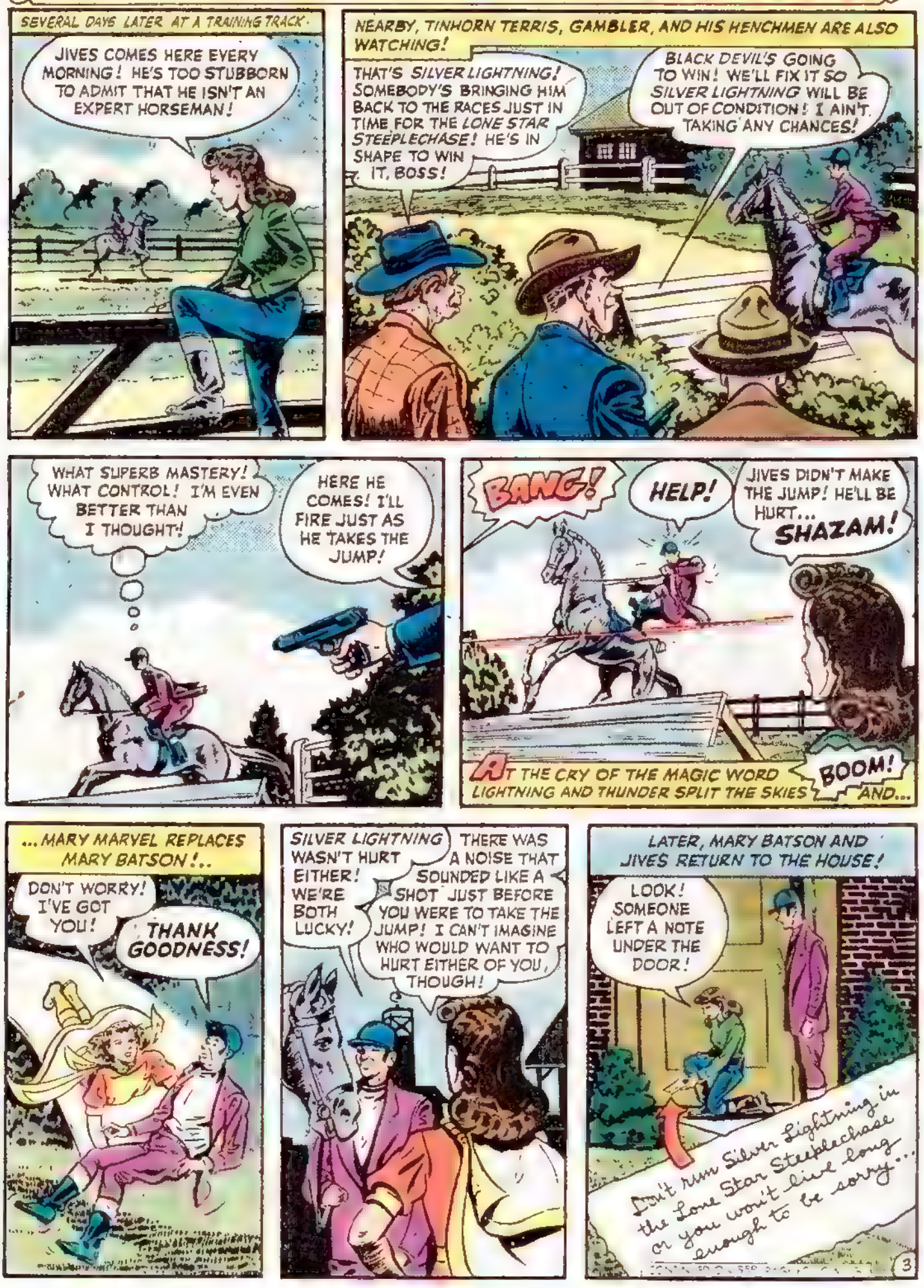
SEVERAL DAYS LATER AT A TRAINING TRACK
JIVES COMES HERE EVERY MORNING! HE'S TOO STUBBORN TO ADMIT THAT HE ISN'T AN EXPERT HORSEMAN!
NEARBY, TINHORN TERRIS, GAMBLER, AND HIS HENCHMEN ARE ALSO WATCHING!
THAT'S SILVER LIGHTNING! SOMEBODY'S BRINGING HIM BACK TO THE RACES JUST IN TIME FOR THE LONE STAR STEEPLECHASE! HE'S IN SHAPE TO WIN IT, BOSS!
BLACK DEVIL'S GOING TO WIN! WE'LL FIX IT SO SILVER LIGHTNING WILL BE OUT OF CONDITION! I AIN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES!
WHAT SUPERB MASTERY! WHAT CONTROL! I'M EVEN BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!
HERE HE COMES! I'LL FIRE JUST AS HE TAKES THE JUMP!
BANG!
HELP!
JIVES DIDN'T MAKE THE JUMP! HE'LL BE HURT... SHAZAM!
AT THE CRY OF THE MAGIC WORD LIGHTNING AND THUNDER SPLIT THE SKIES
BOOM! AND...
...MARY MARVEL REPLACES MARY BATSON!..
DON'T WORRY! I'VE GOT YOU!
THANK GOODNESS!
SILVER LIGHTNING WASN'T HURT EITHER! WE'RE BOTH LUCKY!
THERE WAS A NOISE THAT SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT JUST BEFORE YOU WERE TO TAKE THE JUMP! I CAN'T IMAGINE WHO WOULD WANT TO HURT EITHER OF YOU, THOUGH!
LATER, MARY BATSON AND JIVES RETURN TO THE HOUSE!
LOOK! SOMEONE LEFT A NOTE UNDER THE DOOR!
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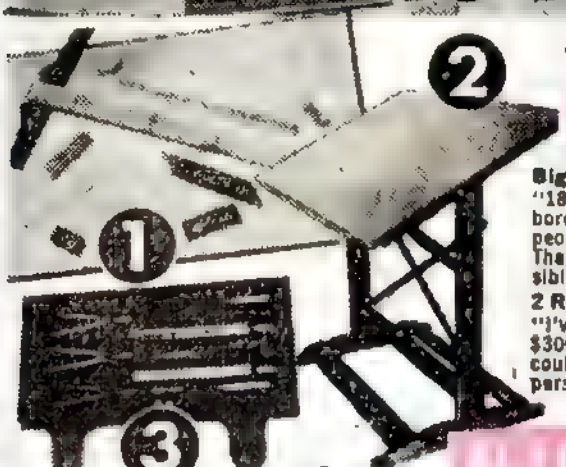

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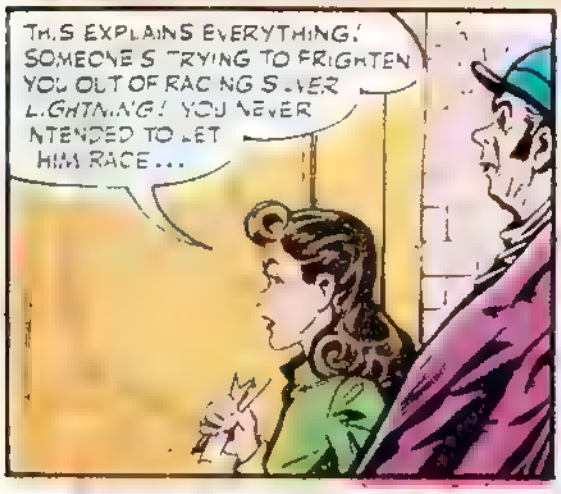
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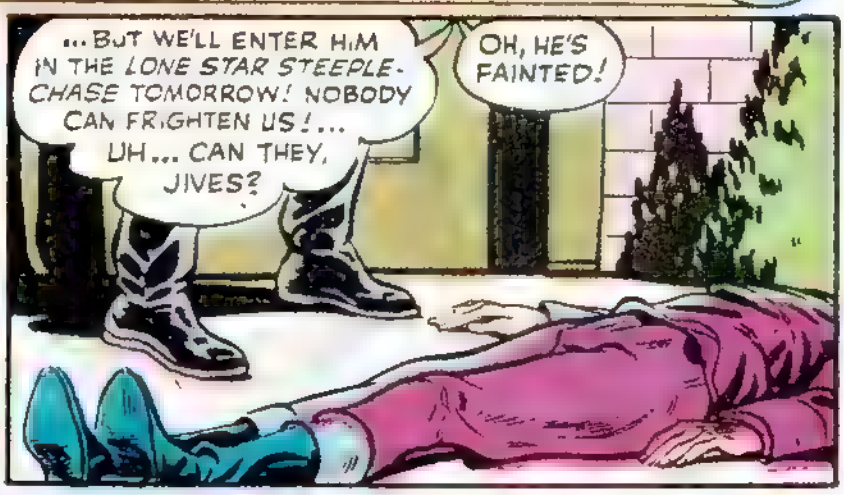
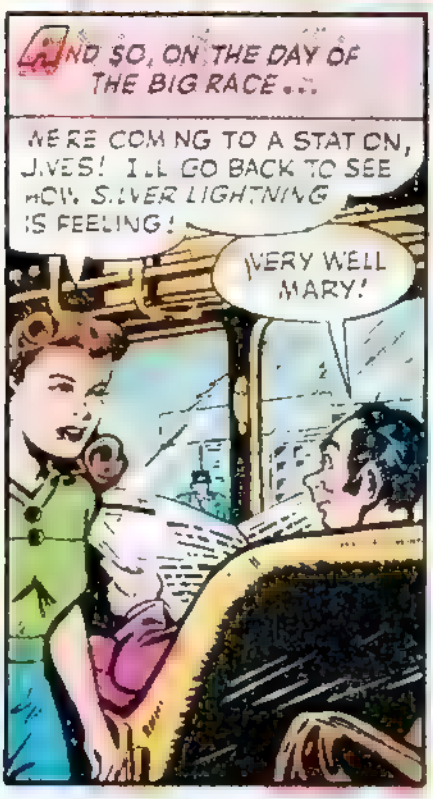
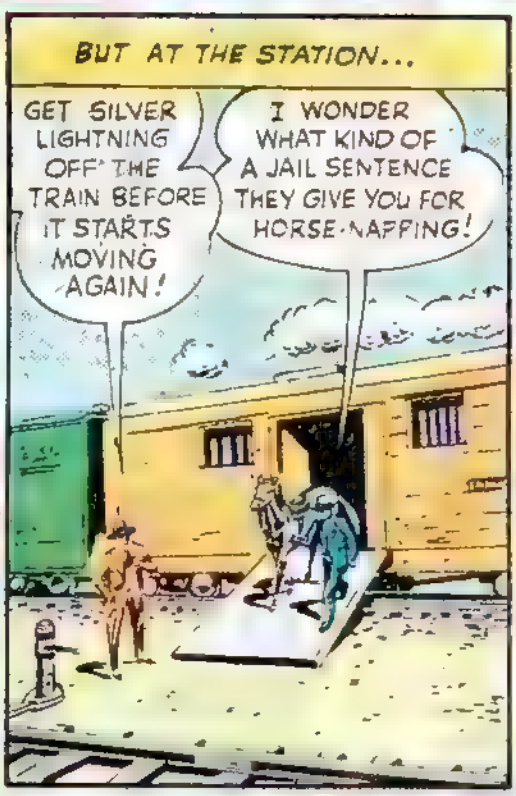
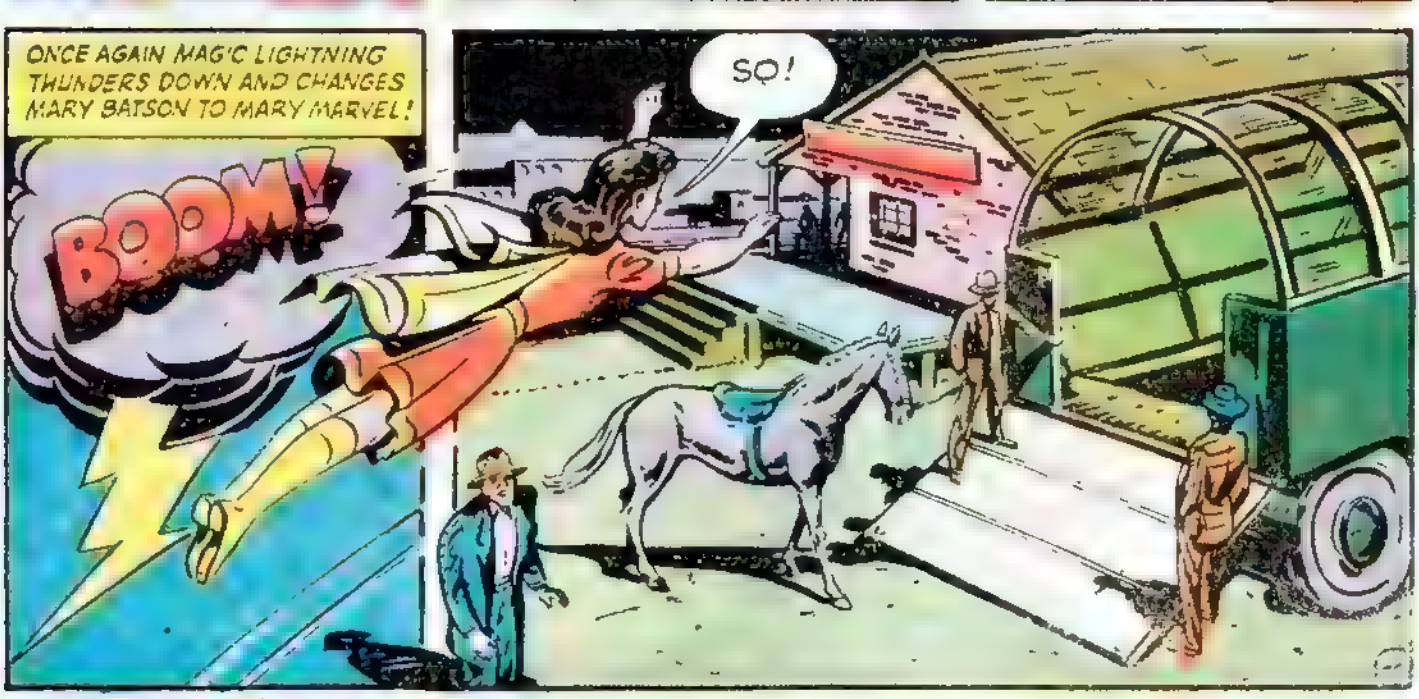

...BUT WE'LL ENTER HIM IN THE LONE STAR STEEPLE-CHASE TOMORROW! NOBODY CAN FRIGHTEN US!... UH... CAN THEY, JIVES?
OH, HE'S FAINTED!


ND SO, ON THE DAY OF THE BIG RACE...
WE'RE COM NG TO A STAT ON, J.VES! I.L GO BACK TO SEE HOW S.LVER LIGHTNING IS FEELING!
VERY WELL MARY!


BUT AT THE STATION...
GET SILVER LIGHTNING OFF THE TRAIN BEFORE IT STARTS MOVING AGAIN!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A JAIL SENTENCE THEY GIVE YOU FOR HORSE-NAPPING!

HOLY MOLEY! SILVER LIGHTNING ISN'T HERE!... SHAZAM!


ONCE AGAIN MAG'C LIGHTNING THUNDERS DOWN AND CHANGES MARY BATSON TO MARY MARVEL!
BOOM!
SO!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

I THOUGHT I SMELLED RATS NEARBY!
WANT TO PLAY HORSE SHOES? I'LL START WITH A RINGER!
GLUG!
CLUNK!
I DIDN'T OVERLOOK YOU EITHER!
WHAM
HOLY MOLEY! WHILE I WAS BUSY WITH THESE CROOKS, SILVER LIGHTNING RAN OFF!
I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM AND TAKE HIM TO THE TRACK!
SHE'S LEAVING! HEAD FOR THE TRACK! WE DON'T WANT TO MISS THE RACE!
MEANWHILE, JIVES HAS ALREADY ARRIVED AT THE RACE TRACK---
NO SIGN OF MISS MARY! AND WE CAN'T ENTER THE RACE WITHOUT A HORSE! WHAT A RELIEF IT IS TO KNOW I WON'T BE A JOCKEY, AFTER ALL!
OH, DEAR! MY RELIEF WAS SHORT-LIVED!
HERE WE ARE, JIVES! JUST IN TIME!
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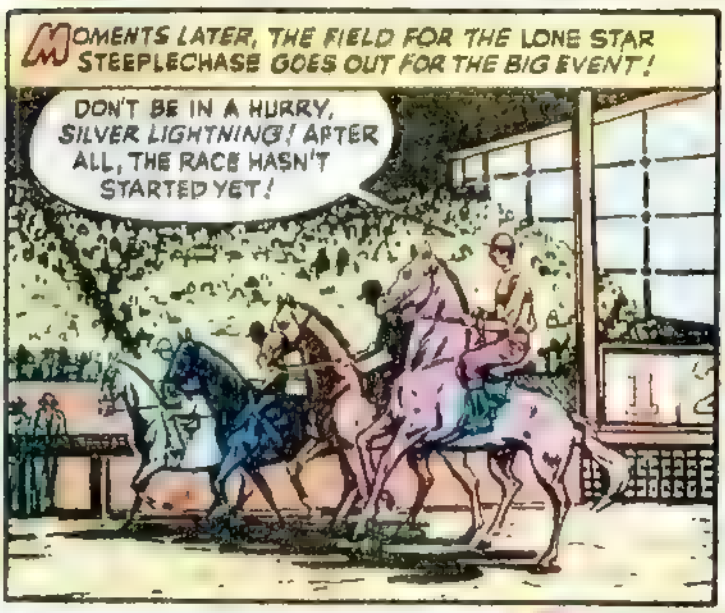
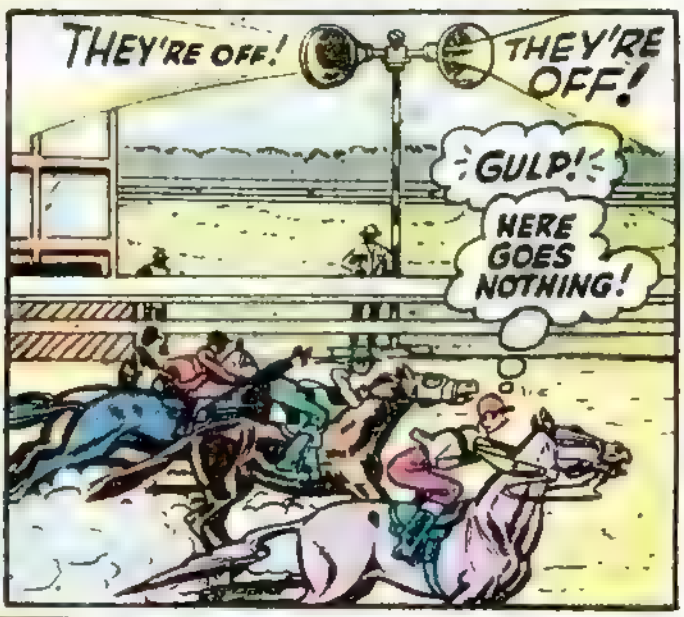
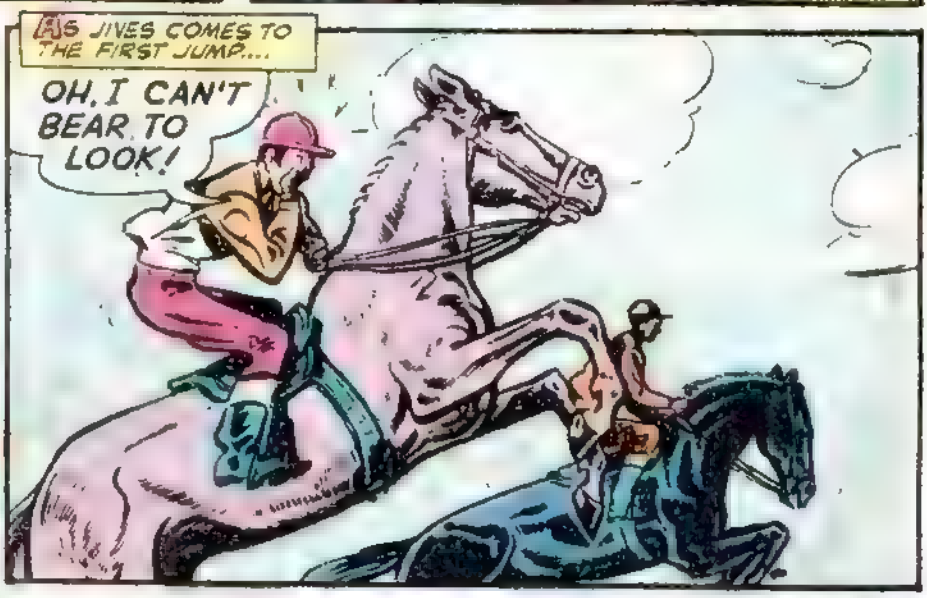
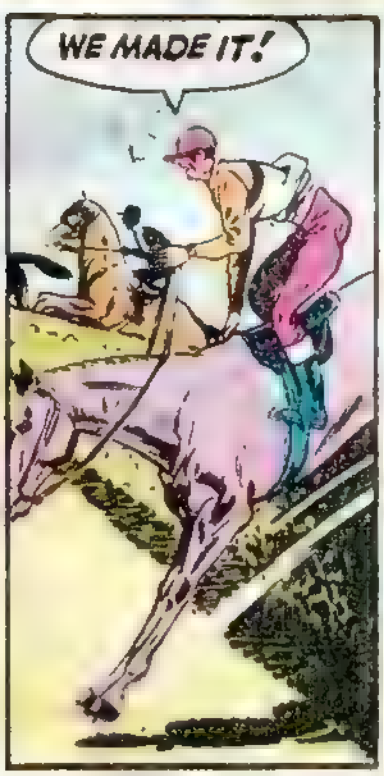

MOMENTS LATER, THE FIELD FOR THE LONE STAR STEEPLECHASE GOES OUT FOR THE BIG EVENT!
DON'T BE IN A HURRY, SILVER LIGHTNING! AFTER ALL, THE RACE HASN'T STARTED YET!


THEY'RE OFF!
THEY'RE OFF!
GULP!
HERE GOES NOTHING!

LOOK! IT'S SILVER LIGHTNING, BOSS!
SO HE STARTED, IN THE RACE! BUT OUR JOCKEY ON BLACK DEVIL WILL MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T FINISH!

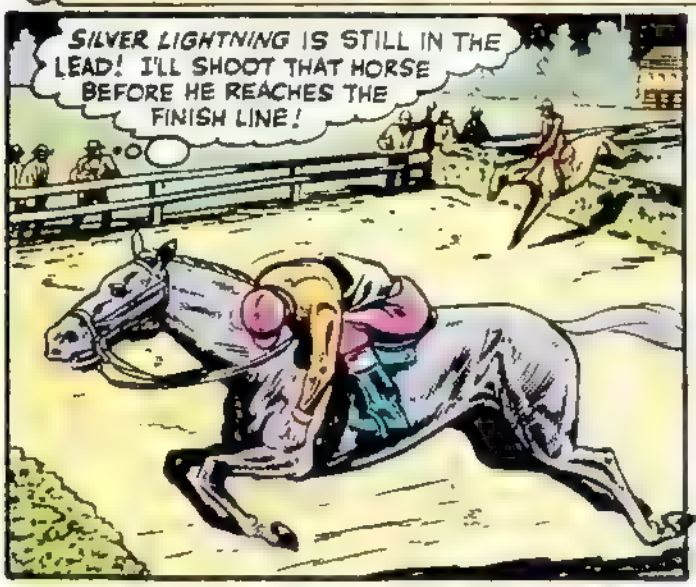

AS JIVES COMES TO THE FIRST JUMP....
OH, I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK!


WE MADE IT!

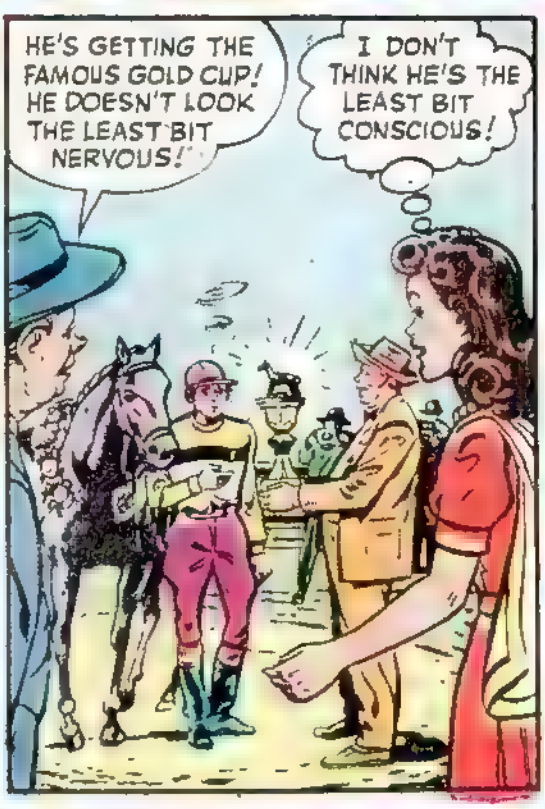
THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF, BLOCKHEAD! I'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE MY HORSE, BLACK DEVIL, WINS THIS RACE!
OHHHH!
THE CROOKED JOCKEY DEALS JIVES A SINISTER BLOW!

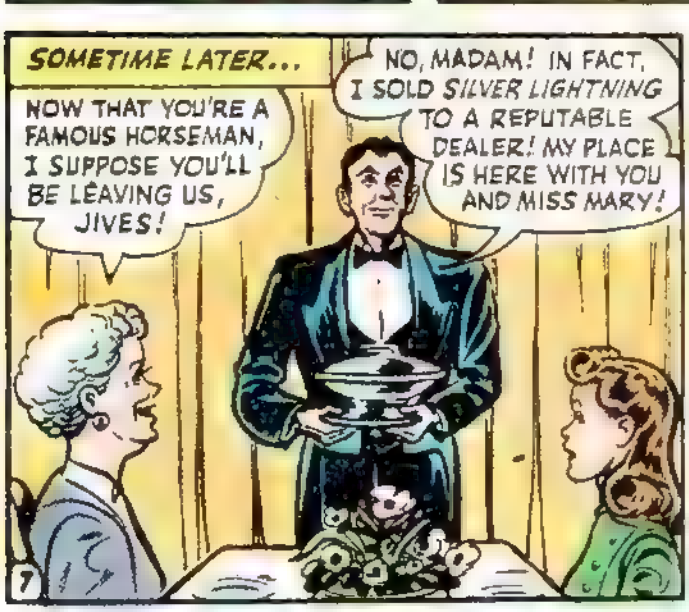
WELL, I'LL BE ---! I HIT HIM WITH ALL I HAD AND HE DIDN'T FALL OFF!

SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!



I THOUGHT YOU CROOKS WOULD COME UP WITH ANOTHER TRICK, SO I'VE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR YOU! THE LOCAL POLICE WILL TAKE YOU INTO CUSTODY WHEN I GET THROUGH




SOMETIME LATER...
NOW THAT YOU'RE A FAMOUS HORSEMAN, I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE LEAVING US, JIVES!
NO, MADAM! IN FACT, I SOLD SILVER LIGHTNING TO A REPUTABLE DEALER! MY PLACE IS HERE WITH YOU AND MISS MARY!
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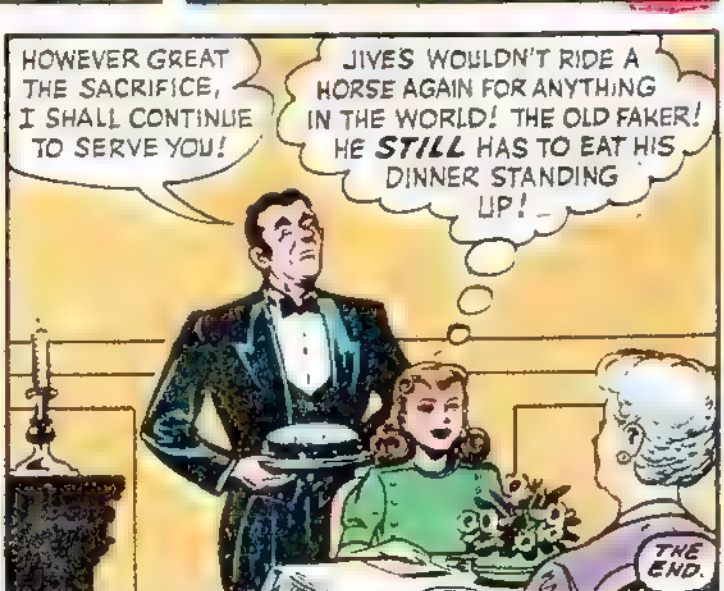
HOWEVER GREAT THE SACRIFICE, I SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU!
JIVES WOULDN'T RIDE A HORSE AGAIN FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD! THE OLD FAKER! HE STILL HAS TO EAT HIS DINNER STANDING UP!
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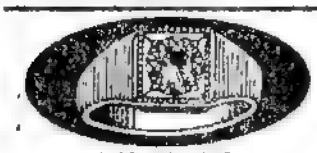

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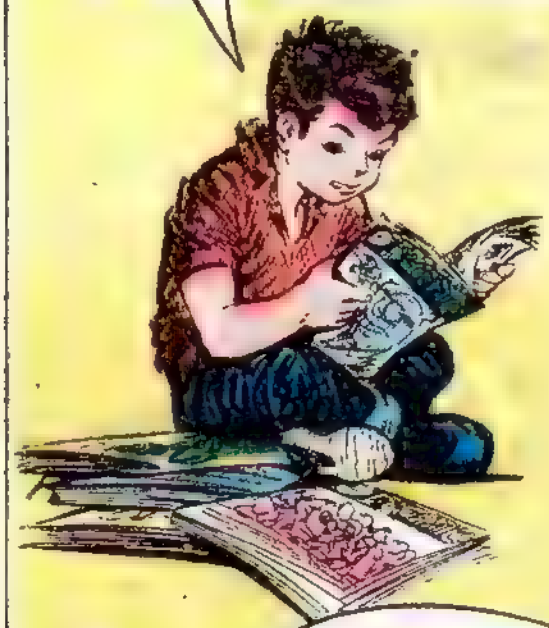

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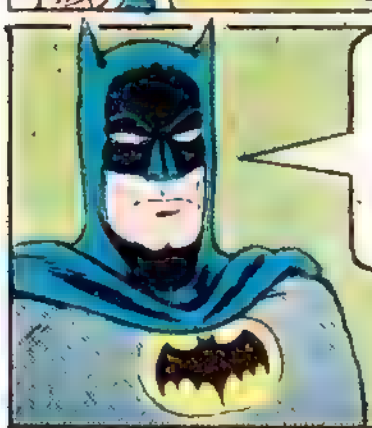

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WHEN A GARDENER GROWS LOVELY FLOWERS AND FLOURISHING PLANTS WE HAVE ALL HEARD IT SAID THAT HE POSSESSES A 'GREEN THUMB'. BUT WHAT IS A **BLACK THUMB**? WHAT WEIRD AND SINISTER POWER DOES IT HAVE OVER NATURE'S GROWING THINGS? WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL GETS THE BLACK THUMB, EVEN THE MOST DIS-TINGUISHED MAN IS HORRIFIED AT THE RESULTS!

ART: C.C. BECK & PETE COSTANZA

BILLY BATSON, BOY BROADCASTER OF RADIO STATION **WHIZ** ENJOYS A WEEKEND AT THE COUNTRY HOME OF HIS BOSS STERLING MORRIS!

AHH! THIS IS THE LIFE, EH WILLY?

THERE'S MR. MORRIS!

WHILE MR. MORRIS IS SNOOZING, I'LL GO VISIT CISSIE COMMERLY NEXT DOOR!

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SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

HELLO, CISSIE! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE WORKING ON A NICE DAY LIKE THIS?
HELLO, BILLY!
CERTAINLY I'M WORKING! THERE IS A BIG GARDEN SHOW TOMORROW, AND I WANT TO WIN A PRIZE FOR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS!
I'M SURE YOU'LL WIN, CISSIE!
EVERYTHING YOU TOUCH GROWS LIKE MAD! LET ME SEE YOUR THUMB, CISSIE!
MY THUMB? WHY?
I JUST WANTED TO SEE IF IT'S GREEN! YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING...
SILLY BOY! LET ME GET BACK TO WORK!
I THINK I'LL MOVE THESE STONES AWAY! THEY LOOK UGLY!
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, CISSIE!
GOODNESS! THE STONES CAVED IN! AND WHAT'S THAT YELL?
HEY!
CRASH!
GOLLY! IT'S A LITTLE MAN!
SPUT! WHO WRECKED MY HOME? WHO DARED TO DISTURB ME? I'LL --- SPUT!
WHAT A QUEER LITTLE CREATURE! WHO ARE YOU, SIR?
ME? HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF GARDEN GNOMES, YOU STUPID HUMAN? I'VE LIVED HERE FOR AGES, IN PEACE AND QUIET!

CAPTAIN MARVEL

NOW YOU COME ALONG AND SMASH MY COZY NEST AND NEARLY KILL ME. I'LL FIX YOU FOR THIS YOU CLUMSY MONSTER!
BUT---BUT I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE, LITTLE SIR!
NEVER MIND! I'M HOPPING MAD! YOU MUST SUFFER FOR THIS, SO I GIVE YOU THE CURSE OF THE BLACK THUMB!
HOLY MOLEY! WHAT A QUEER LITTLE CREATURE! HE'S DISAPPEARED!
I WONDER WHAT HE MEANT--- THE CURSE OF THE BLACK THUMB?
CISSIE, LOOK! YOU JUST TOUCHED THAT TREE--- AND NOW ALL ITS LEAVES ARE FALLING OFF!
EEK!
HOLY MOLEY! THE WHOLE TREE IS FALLING OVER! SHAZAM!
CRACK
THE MYSTIC NAME ECHOES WITH A CRASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING THAT INSTANTLY CHANGES BILLY INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF
BOOM!
FAMOUS CAPTAIN MARVEL!
COMING!
HELP! OH
GOING!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! JEEPERS, I'M SURE GLAD YOU ALWAYS SHOW UP AT THE RIGHT TIME!
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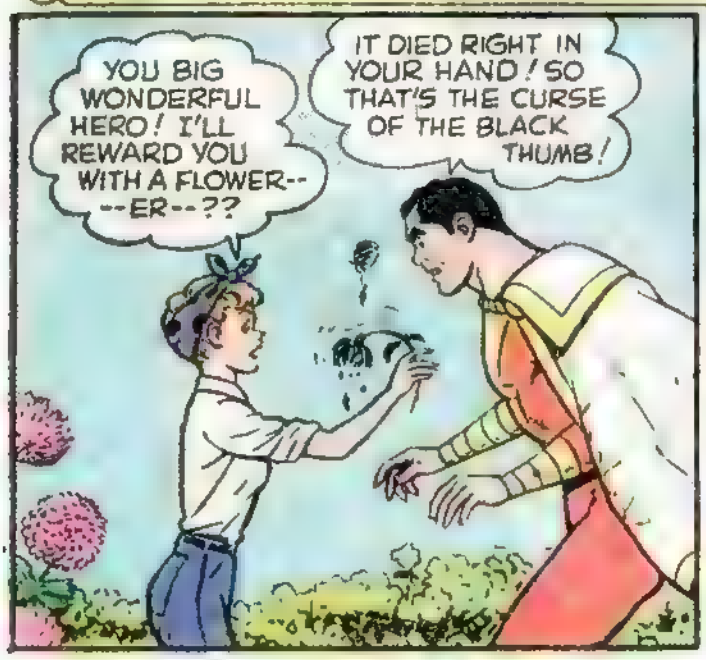
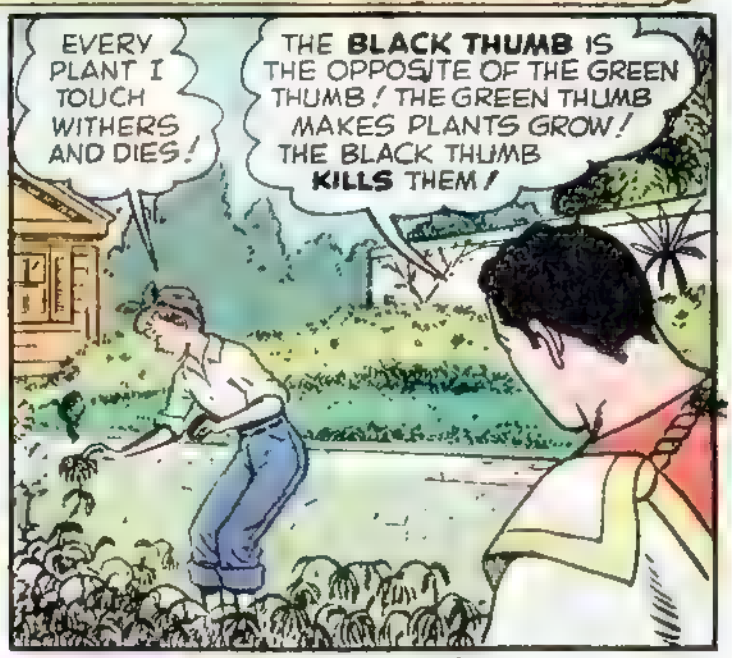
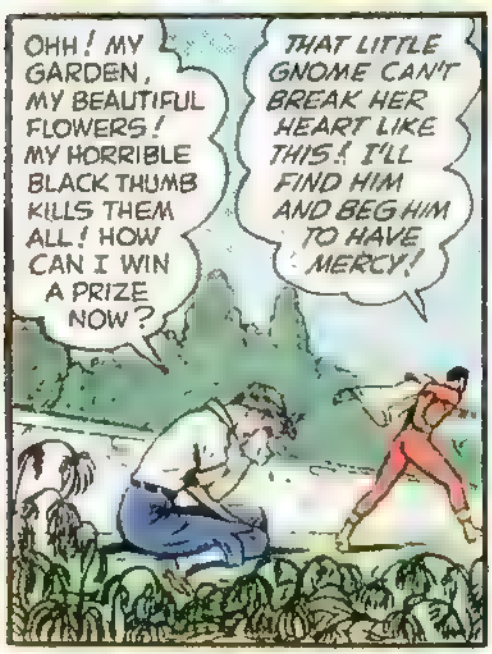
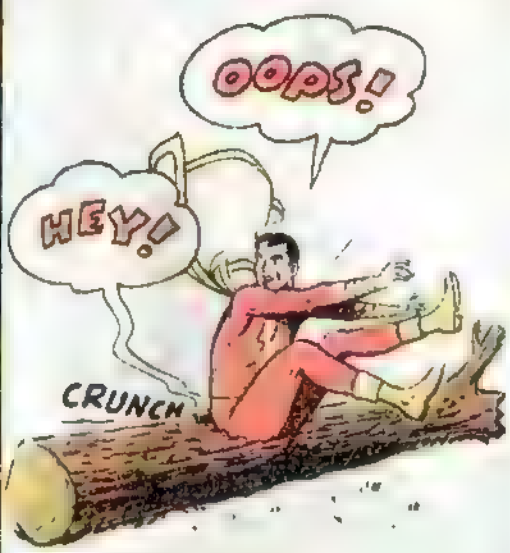



EVERY PLANT I TOUCH WITHERS AND DIES!
THE **BLACK THUMB** IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE GREEN THUMB! THE GREEN THUMB MAKES PLANTS GROW! THE BLACK THUMB **KILLS** THEM!


OHH! MY GARDEN, MY BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS! MY HORRIBLE BLACK THUMB KILLS THEM ALL! HOW CAN I WIN A PRIZE NOW?
THAT LITTLE GNOME CAN'T BREAK HER HEART LIKE THIS! I'LL FIND HIM AND BEG HIM TO HAVE MERCY!



BUT--- BUT IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, LITTLE SIR!
DON'T MAKE EXCUSES, YOU BIG RED OX! I'LL HAVE TO USE THIS RABBIT HOLE NOW! BUT BEFORE I GO I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON, YOU HOME WRECKER!
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CAPTAIN MARVEL

I'LL GIVE YOU THE BLACK THUMB, TOO! GOODBYE!
WAIT, PLEASE! THIS IS ALL A MISTAKE! DON'T GO---
OH BILLY! LUNCH TIME!
MR. MORRIS IS CALLING! I'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT BILLY WON'T BE THERE FOR LUNCH---NOT TILL THIS OTHER CRAZY BUSINESS IS TAKEN CARE OF!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY IS MY GRASS WITHERING AND DYING AT YOUR FEET?
OMIGOSH! I FORGOT! THE GNOME PUT THE CURSE ON ME, TOO! ANY VEGETATION THAT TOUCHES ME DIES!
WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
UH---CAN'T EXPLAIN RIGHT NOW! I'LL JUST GET OFF YOUR PLACE BEFORE I KILL EVERYTHING!
ULP! I JUST BRUSHED AGAINST THAT APPLE TREE BY MISTAKE!
PLOP!
YIPE!
AT LEAST I CAN DO SOME GOOD WITH MY BLACK THUMB! GOODBYE, WEEDS! NOW I'D BETTER SEE HOW CISSIE IS GETTING ALONG!
MY FLOWER GARDEN---RUINED! IT LOOKS LIKE A DESERT! I'M THE UNHAPPIEST PERSON ON EARTH!
YOU AND ME BOTH, CISSIE! WE'RE SURE DEATH TO ALL PLANT LIFE! WE'LL HAVE TO BECOME HERMITS, I GUESS!

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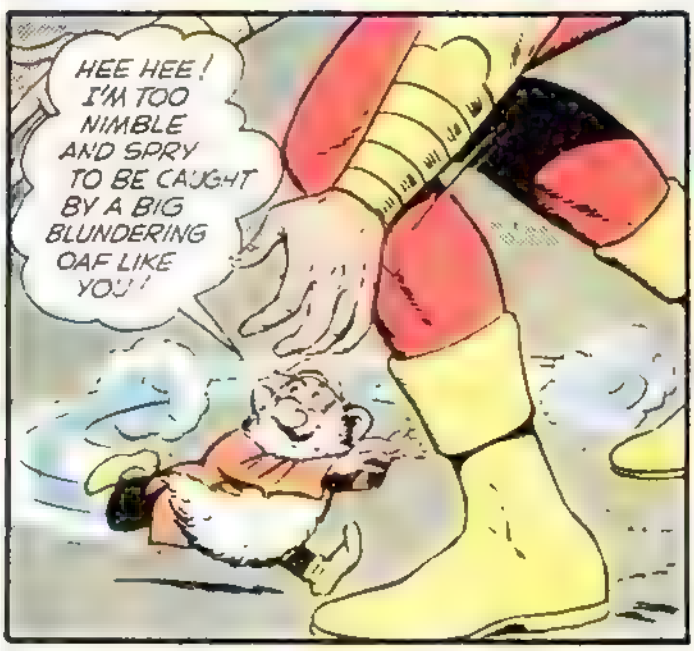
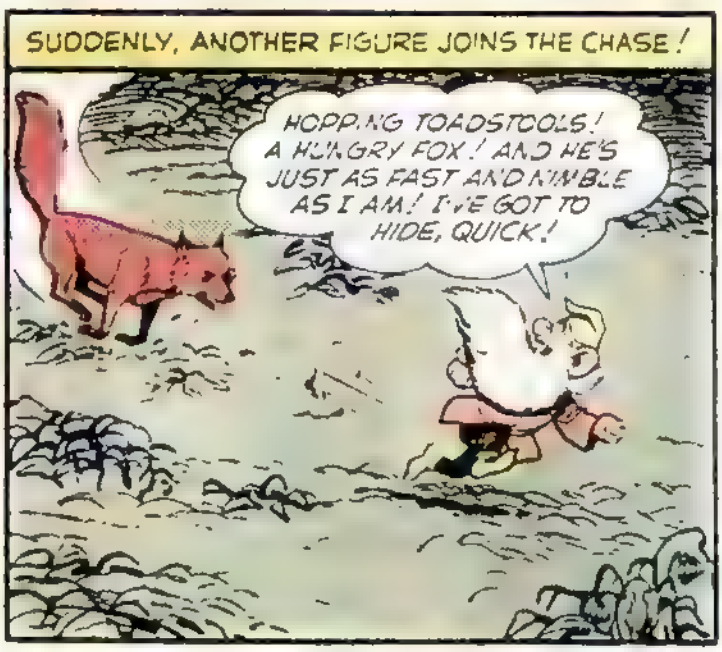
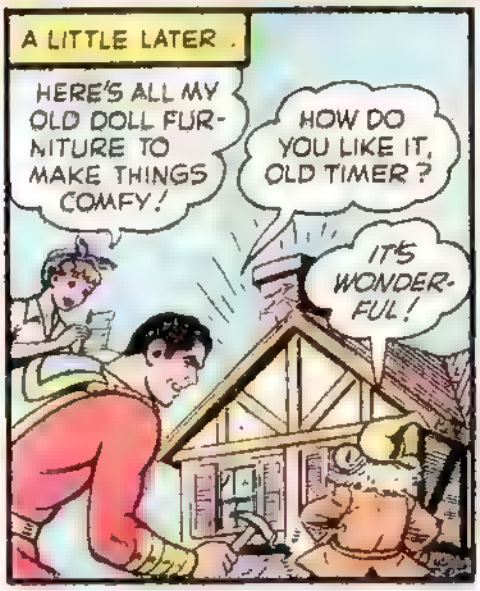
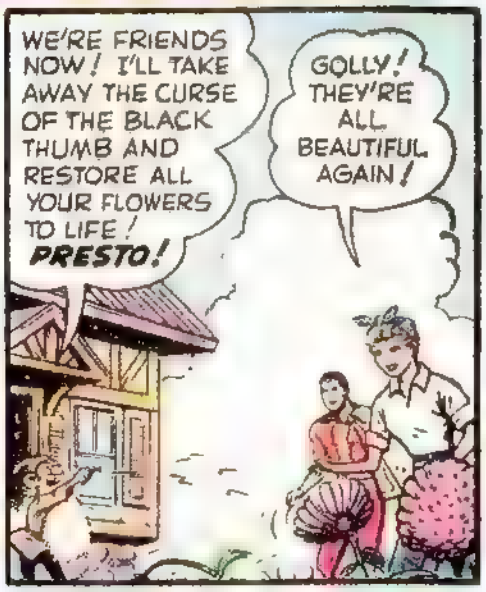


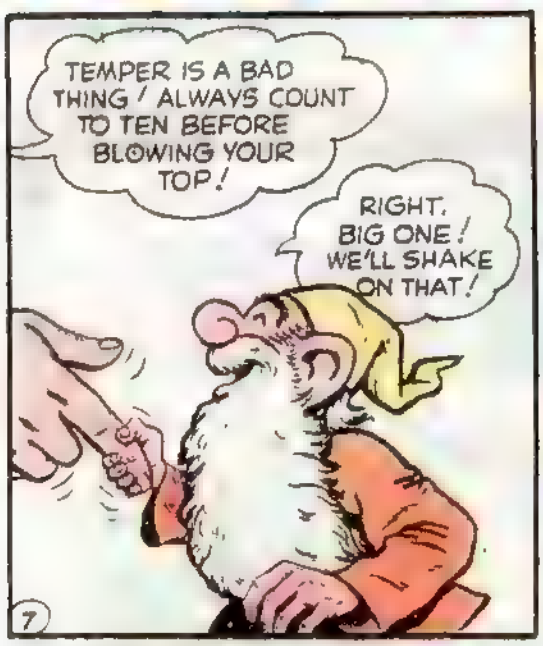

SUDDENLY, ANOTHER FIGURE JOINS THE CHASE!
HOPPING TOADSTOOLS! A HUNGRY FOX! AND HE'S JUST AS FAST AND NIMBLE AS I AM! I'VE GOT TO HIDE, QUICK!

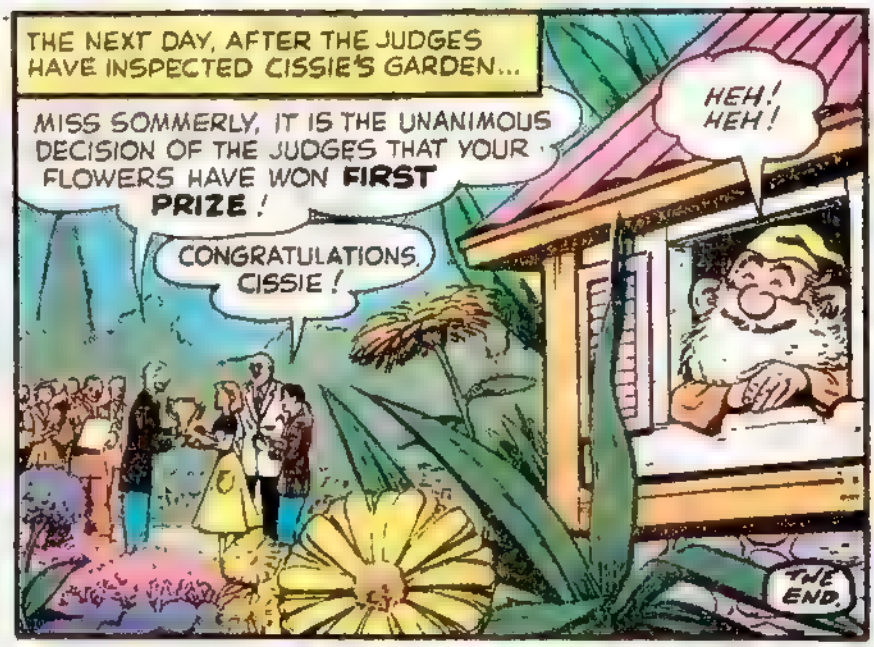
AH, BUT THERE **IS** NO PLACE TO HIDE HERE, MY FRIEND! IF THE BIG GARDEN WERE HERE, YOU COULD EASILY HIDE FROM THE FOX! BUT OUR BLACK THUMBS DESTROYED ALL THE PLANTS. REMEMBER?
HELP!

CAPTAIN MARVEL




WE'RE FRIENDS NOW! I'LL TAKE AWAY THE CURSE OF THE BLACK THUMB AND RESTORE ALL YOUR FLOWERS TO LIFE! PRESTO!
GOLLY! THEY'RE ALL BEAUTIFUL AGAIN!




THE NEXT DAY, AFTER THE JUDGES HAVE INSPECTED CISSIE'S GARDEN...
MISS SOMMERLY, IT IS THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE JUDGES THAT YOUR FLOWERS HAVE WON FIRST PRIZE!
CONGRATULATIONS, CISSIE!
HEH! HEH!
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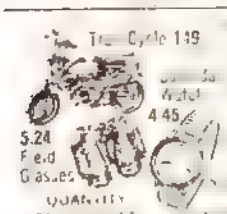

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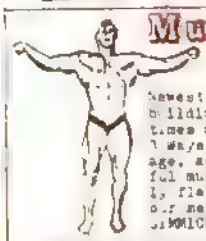

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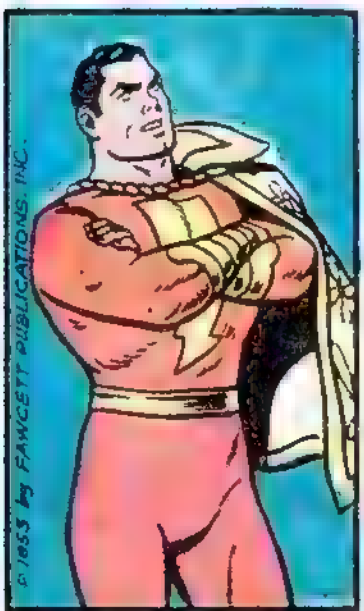

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DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED WIFE?
ER...ULP!
KOFF!
AHEM!
GULP!
WHAT'S THIS? CAPTAIN MARVEL A BRIDEGROOM? HOW DID THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL EVER GET INTO THIS SITUATION? LET'S FIND OUT!
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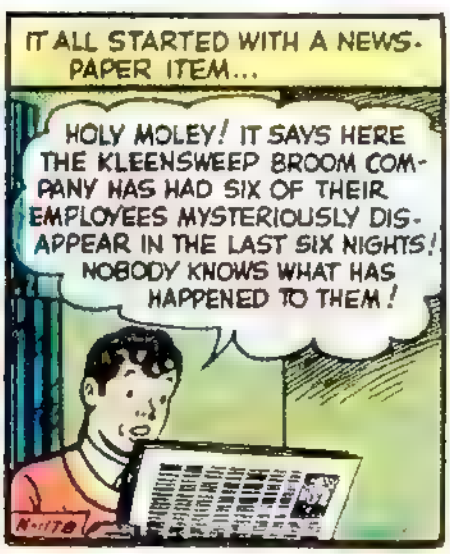
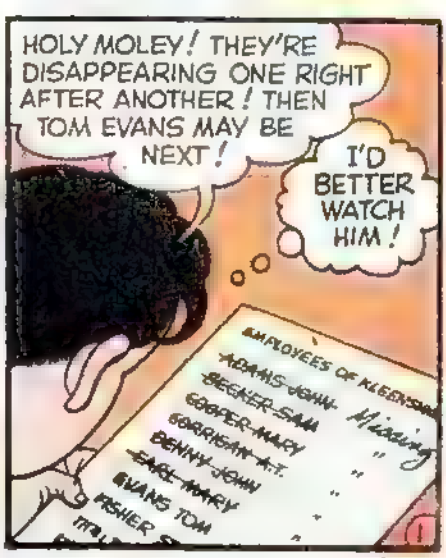

IT ALL STARTED WITH A NEWSPAPER ITEM...
HOLY MOLEY! IT SAYS HERE THE KLEENSWEEP BROOM COMPANY HAS HAD SIX OF THEIR EMPLOYEES MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEAR IN THE LAST SIX NIGHTS! NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEM!


HOLY MOLEY! THEY'RE DISAPPEARING ONE RIGHT AFTER ANOTHER! THEN TOM EVANS MAY BE NEXT!
I'D BETTER WATCH HIM!
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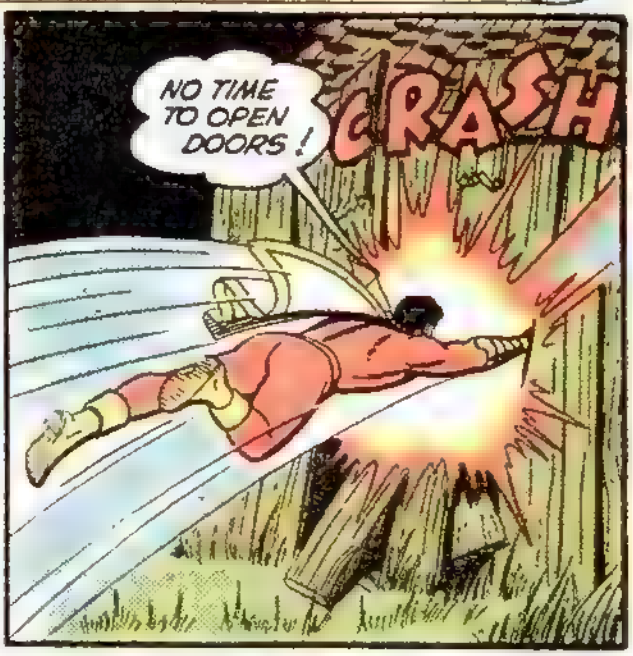
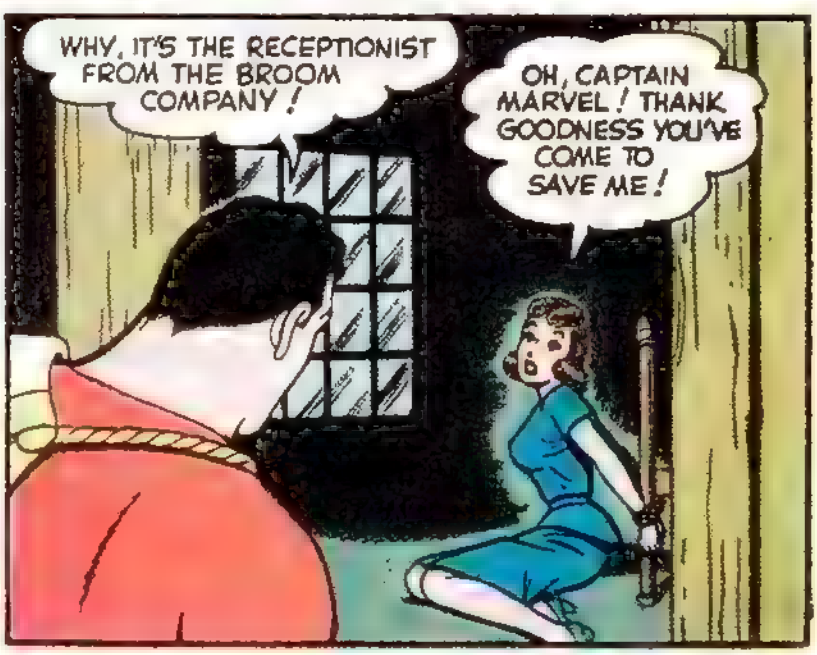
THAT NIGHT, TOM EVANS IS PREPARING TO RETIRE EARLY.
HO HUM! HARD DAY AHEAD OF ME TOMORROW! I'D BETTER GET TO BED!
SUDDENLY, THROUGH THE OPEN WINDOW FLIES A VISION OF HORROR!
COME WITH ME, TOM EVANS! I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU! HEE HEE HEEE!
HOLY SMOKE! A-A WITCH!
WATCHING BELOW IS VIGILANT BILLY BATSON!
EEAAAA
BEFORE LONG I'LL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF THE KLEEN-SWEEP WORKERS! HEEEE!
HOLY MOLEY! I WAS RIGHT! SHAZAM!
DOWN FROM THE SKY SWEEPS A BLAST OF MAGIC LIGHTNING THAT CHANGES BILLY INTO HIS OTHER FORM OF...
BOOM
...MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL, WHO NEEDS NO BROOM TO FLY THROUGH THE AIR!
THE KIDNAPPER IS AN OLD-TIME WITCH! I'LL PUT A STOP TO HER IN SHORT ORDER!
BUT THE EVIL CREATURE OF BLACK MAGIC DIVERTS HER PURSUER WITH CRUEL CUNNING!
CURSES! CAPTAIN MARVEL IS AFTER ME! OFF YOU GO, EVANS, RIGHT IN FRONT OF THAT TRAIN!
TOOT
WOW! A FRACTION OF A SECOND MORE AND YOU'VE HAVE BEEN MINCE MEAT, EVANS!
RRROARRRuuRRRRR
WHEW! THANKS, CAPTAIN MARVEL!
GET HOME AND LOCK YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS, EVANS! YOUR LIFE WON'T BE WORTH A NICKEL IF I DON'T CATCH THAT WITCH!

THERE SHE GOES INTO THAT SHACK ! I'LL CATCH HER NOW !


NO TIME TO OPEN DOORS !
CRASH

NOBODY HERE ! WAIT--- WHAT'S THAT ?
OHHH.... HELP ME...


WHY, IT'S THE RECEPTIONIST FROM THE BROOM COMPANY !
OH, CAPTAIN MARVEL ! THANK GOODNESS YOU'VE COME TO SAVE ME !

THAT HORRID WITCH BROUGHT ME HERE ! OH, TAKE ME AWAY, QUICK !
YES, OF COURSE ! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WITCH ?

SH-SHE MAY BE BACK AT any MOMENT ! HURRY, LET'S ESCAPE !

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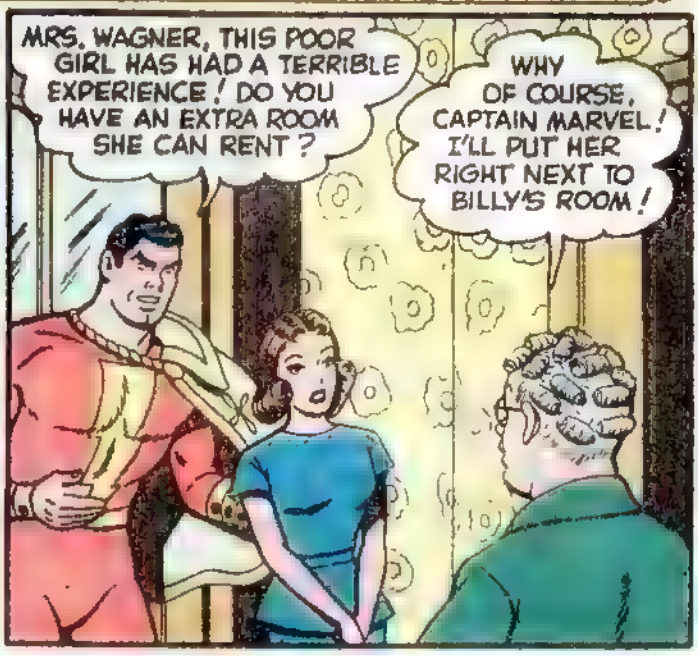
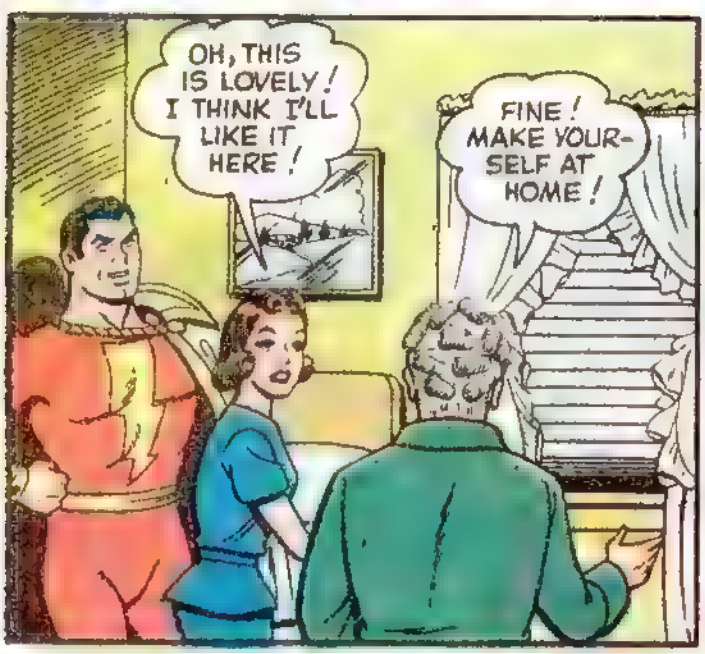
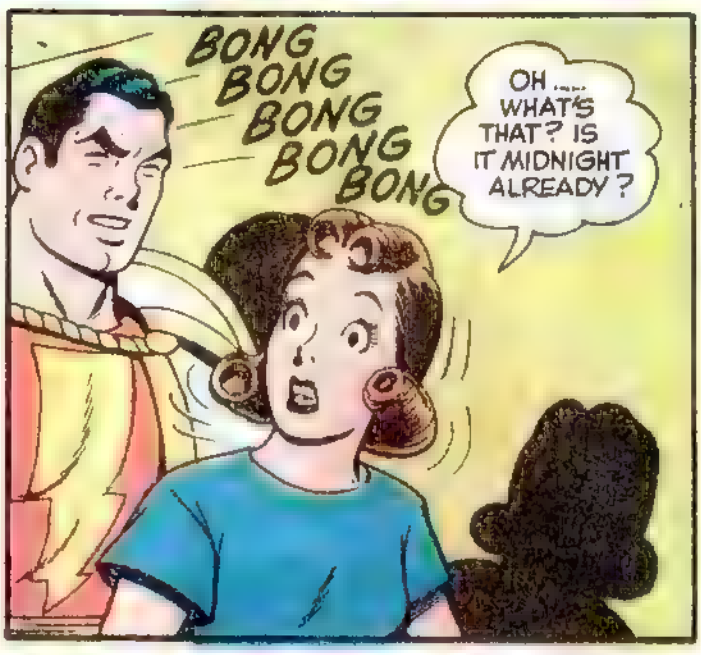
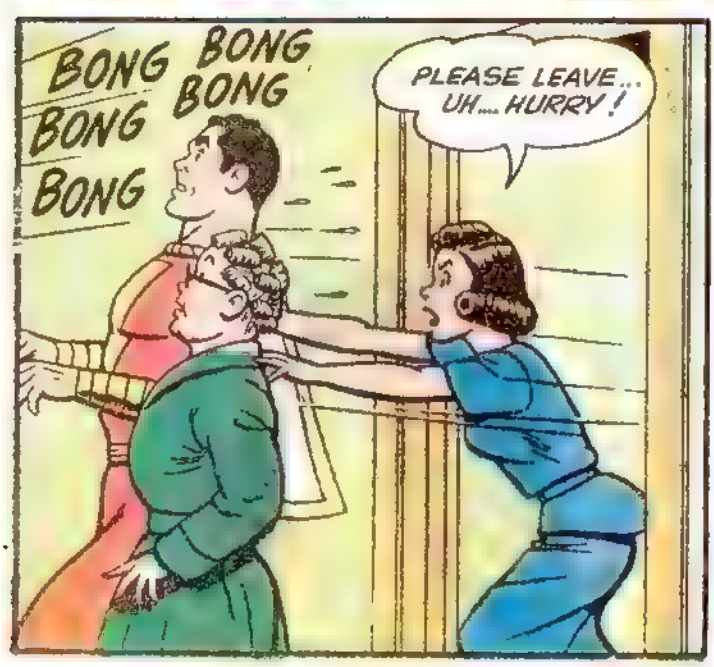
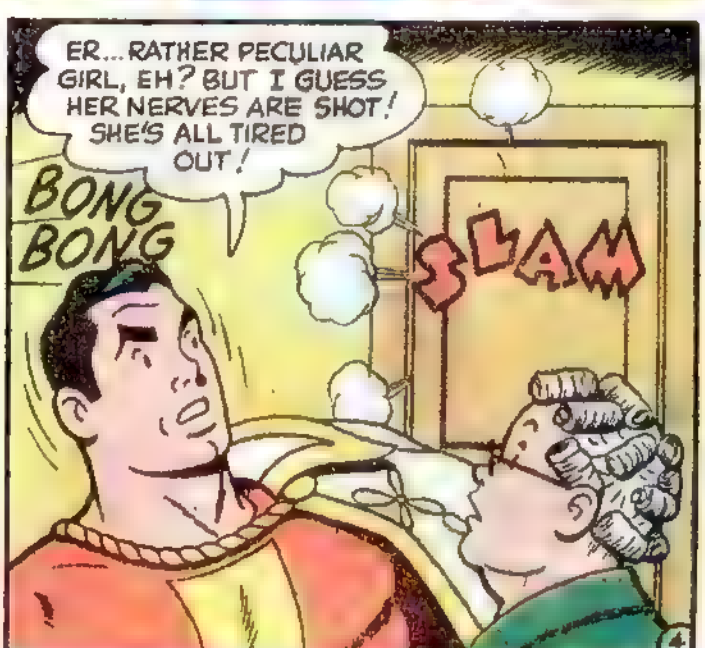
I'LL TAKE YOU HOME, MISS. WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
UH...I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GO HOME! THE WITCH MAY COME FOR ME AGAIN! COULD YOU HIDE ME SOMEWHERE ELSE?


MRS. WAGNER, THIS POOR GIRL HAS HAD A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE! DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA ROOM SHE CAN RENT?
WHY OF COURSE, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I'LL PUT HER RIGHT NEXT TO BILLY'S ROOM!







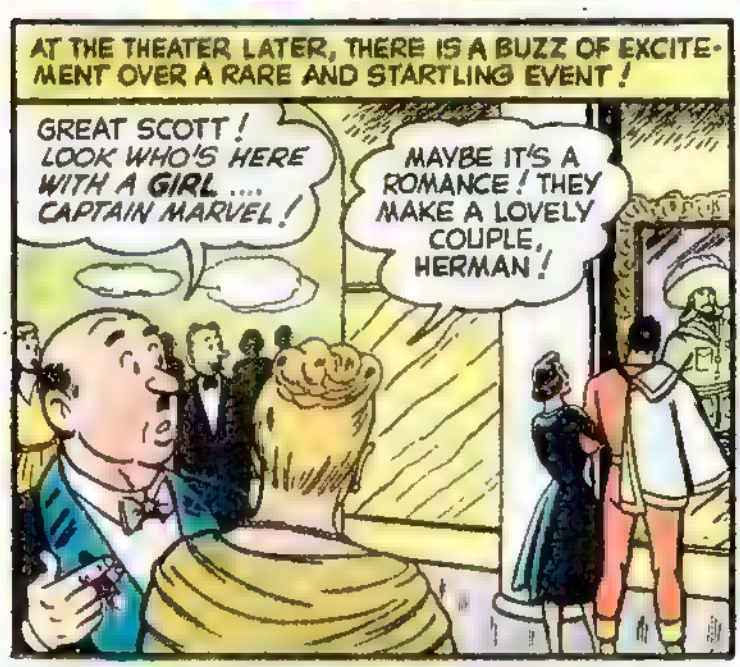


CAPTAIN MARVEL

INSIDE THE ROOM, AN AMAZING CHANGE COMES OVER THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL! SHE GROWS SWIFTLY OLDER... HER VOICE TURNS TO A CACKLE, AND IN A MOMENT...
HEE HEE HEE!

HEE HEE HEE! I FOOLED THAT BIG OAF, CAPTAIN MARVEL! ALL US WITCHES HATE AND FEAR CAPTAIN MARVEL, BUT SOON I'LL HAVE HIM RIGHT WHERE I WANT HIM!
HEE HEE HEE

NO! I'M AFRAID TO GO OUT AT NIGHT! THAT AWFUL OLD WITCH MAY GET ME AGAIN! BUT IF CAPTAIN MARVEL WOULD ONLY ASK ME, I'D GO WITH HIM!
I'LL LET CAPTAIN MARVEL HANDLE THAT HIMSELF! SHAZAM!


AT THE THEATER LATER, THERE IS A BUZZ OF EXCITEMENT OVER A RARE AND STARTLING EVENT!
GREAT SCOTT! LOOK WHO'S HERE WITH A GIRL.... CAPTAIN MARVEL!
MAYBE IT'S A ROMANCE! THEY MAKE A LOVELY COUPLE, HERMAN!

BUT THERE IS NO ROMANCE IN THE AIR AS FAR AS ONE PARTY IS CONCERNED!
PLEASE, DON'T HOLD ME SO CLOSE! AFTER ALL, I'M JUST YOUR BODYGUARD, NOT YOUR---ER--- BOYFRIEND!
OH, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I ONLY FEEL SAFE REAL CLOSE TO YOU!

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THE EVENING COMES TO A STRANGE END JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT!

OH, I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS SO LATE! HURRY, CAPTAIN MARVEL! I MUST BE HOME BEFORE MIDNIGHT! FASTER!

HOLY MOLEY! WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH ALL OF A SUDDEN?

GOOD NIGHT! SEE YOU TOMORROW!

SLAM

NOW WHAT HAVE I GOT MYSELF INTO? SHE'S A VERY STRANGE GIRL!

ON SUCCEEDING NIGHTS CAPTAIN MARVEL CONTINUES TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT-LOOKING YOUNG GIRL, NEVER SUSPECTING THAT HE'S SINKING DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO AN UGLY QUAGMIRE THAT WILL RUIN HIM! THEY ARE SEEN AT CAFES ..

CAPTAIN MARVEL AND HIS GIRL ARE SHOWING UP AT ALL THE HOT SPOTS!

AT CONCERTS...

ISN'T THIS COZY, CAPTAIN MARVEL?

LOOK, THERE THEY ARE AGAIN!

AT NIGHT CLUBS .

LOOKS LIKE CAPTAIN MARVEL'S FALLEN IN LOVE AT LAST! I'LL PUT THIS IN MY COLUMN TOMORROW!

RAISED EYEBROW DEPARTMENT:

WHAT WELL-KNOWN GENTLEMAN IN A FAMOUS RED UNIFORM HAS BEEN SEEN CONSTANTLY IN THE COMPANY OF A BEAUTIFUL BRUNETTE LATELY? WILL HE SAY IT WITH DIAMONDS SOON?

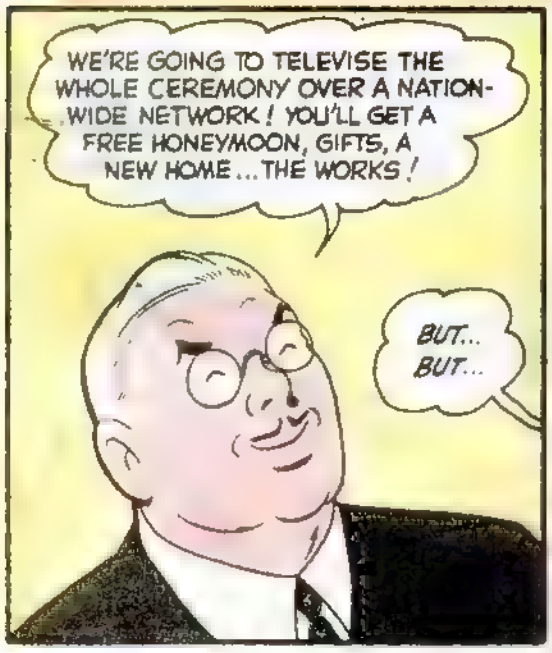
DIAMONDS? HOLY MOLEY! I'VE GOT TO SQUELCH THIS RUMOR--- BUT **FAST**! I'LL MAKE A PUBLIC DENIAL OVER STATION **WHIZ**!

BUT AT RADIO AND TV STATION **WHIZ**..

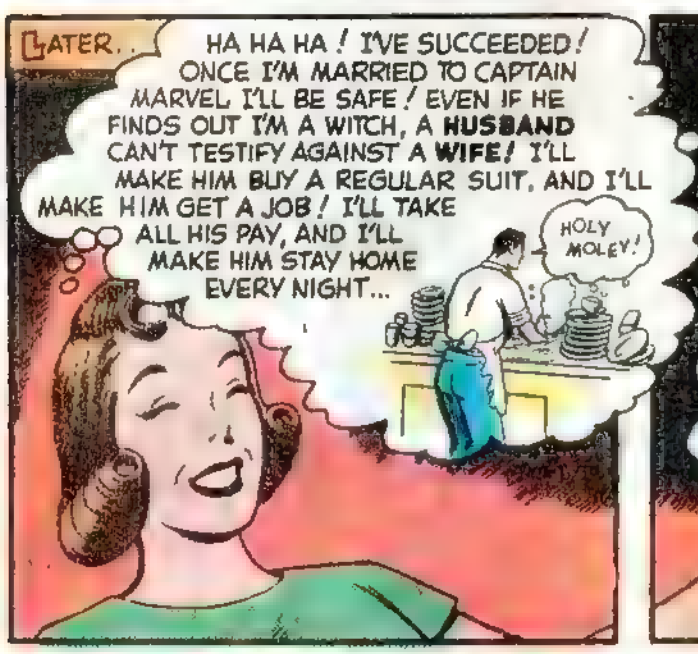
COME IN, CAPTAIN MARVEL! YOUR FIANCEE AND I WERE JUST PLANNING YOUR COMING WEDDING!

WEDDING?

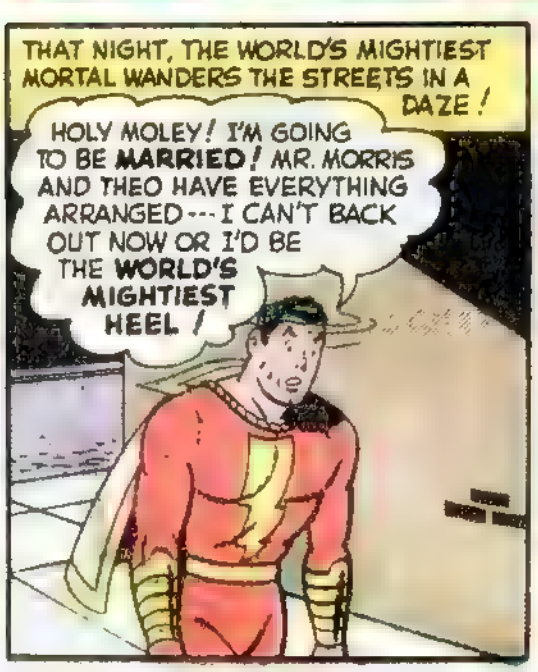
CAPTAIN MARVEL

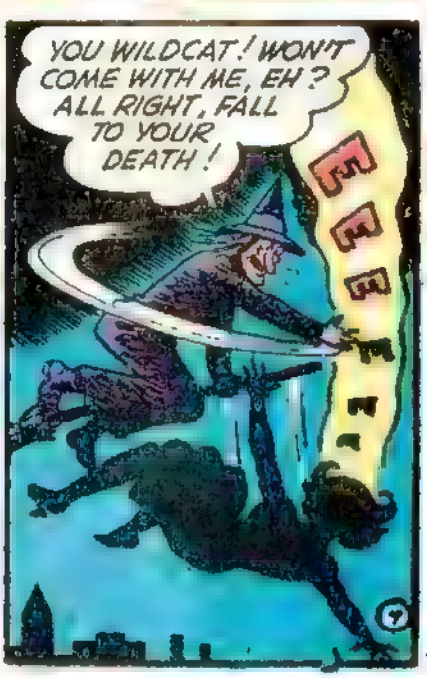

WE'RE GOING TO TELEVISE THE WHOLE CEREMONY OVER A NATION-WIDE NETWORK! YOU'LL GET A FREE HONEYMOON, GIFTS, A NEW HOME...THE WORKS!
BUT... BUT...

TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM NOW, FUTURE MRS. MARVEL! HAVE HIM HERE ON TIME FOR THE WEDDING!
COME, DEAR, YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IN A LITTLE WHILE! JUST THINK, SOON WE'LL BE HUSBAND AND WIFE!


LATER...
HA HA HA! I'VE SUCCEEDED! ONCE I'M MARRIED TO CAPTAIN MARVEL I'LL BE SAFE! EVEN IF HE FINDS OUT I'M A WITCH, A HUSBAND CAN'T TESTIFY AGAINST A WIFE! I'LL MAKE HIM BUY A REGULAR SUIT, AND I'LL MAKE HIM GET A JOB! I'LL TAKE ALL HIS PAY, AND I'LL MAKE HIM STAY HOME EVERY NIGHT...
HOLY MOLEY!

...WHILE I GO ABOUT BUILDING UP THE WITCH BUSINESS AGAIN! A WORLD WITHOUT CAPTAIN MARVEL WILL BE A WORLD SAFE FOR WITCHES!
HAP-PY DAYS ARE HERE A-GAIN
HEE HEE!
YAK YAK YAK!


THAT NIGHT, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL WANDERS THE STREETS IN A DAZE!
HOLY MOLEY! I'M GOING TO BE MARRIED! MR. MORRIS AND THEO HAVE EVERYTHING ARRANGED--- I CAN'T BACK OUT NOW OR I'D BE THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST HEEL!



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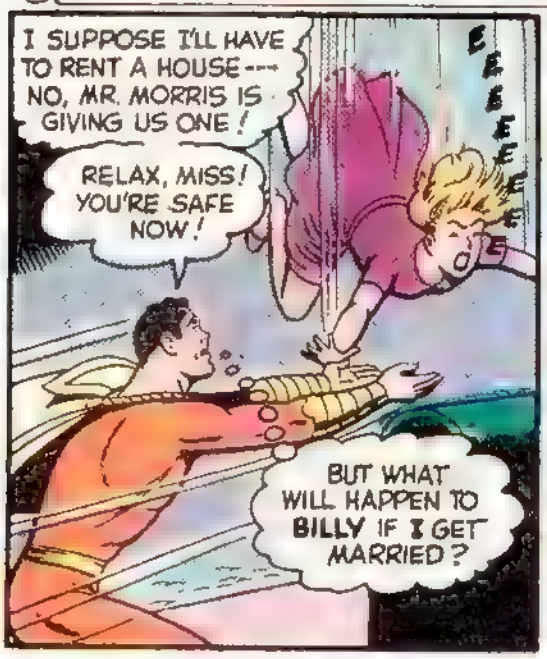
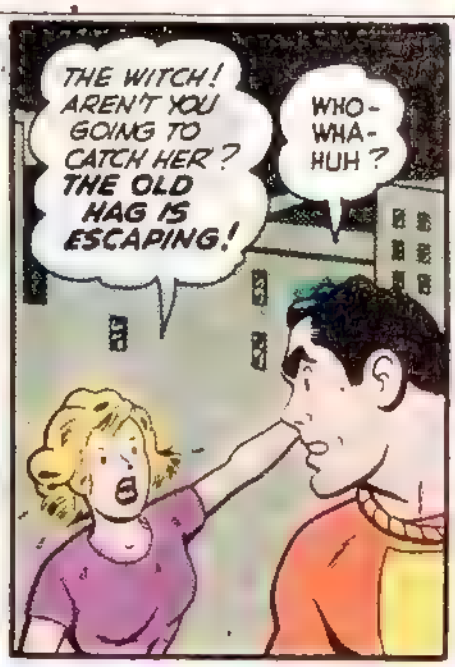
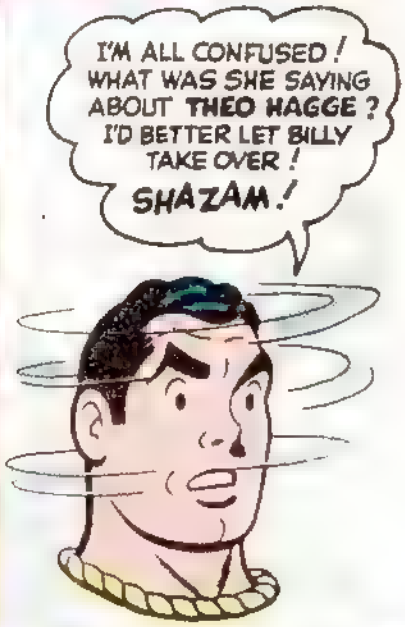
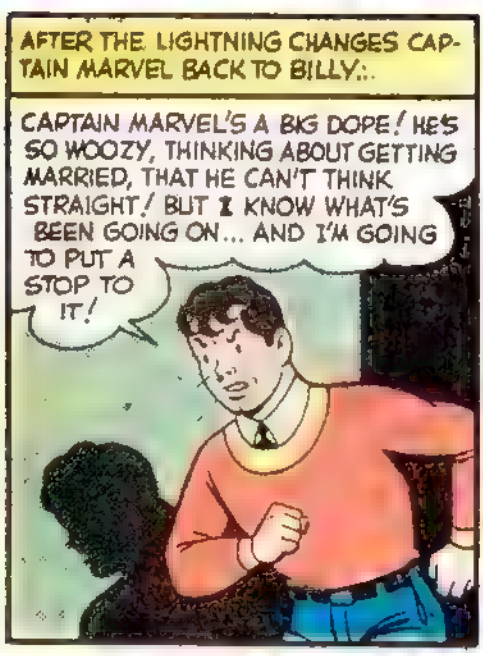
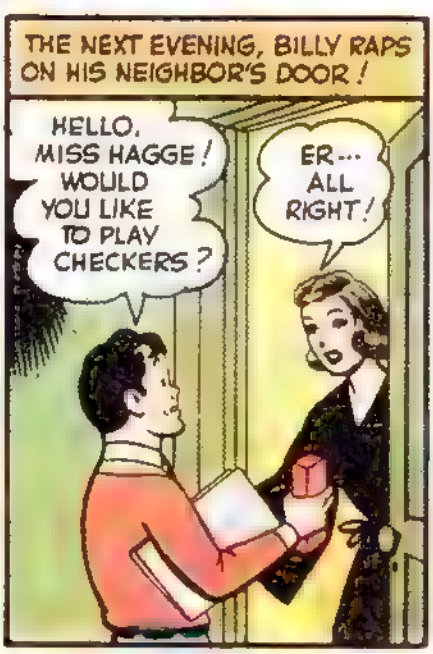
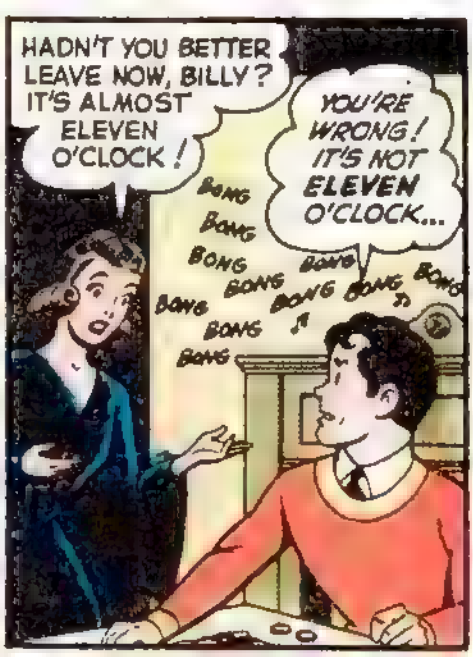

I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO RENT A HOUSE--- NO, MR. MORRIS IS GIVING US ONE!
EEEEEEE
RELAX, MISS! YOU'RE SAFE NOW!
BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO BILLY IF I GET MARRIED?






AFTER THE LIGHTNING CHANGES CAPTAIN MARVEL BACK TO BILLY:.
CAPTAIN MARVEL'S A BIG DOPE! HE'S SO WOOZY, THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED, THAT HE CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT! BUT I KNOW WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON... AND I'M GOING TO PUT A STOP TO IT!





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..IT'S TWELVE O'CLOCK! I CAME IN HERE THIS AFTERNOON AND TURNED YOUR CLOCK BACK! YOU'RE THE WITCH WHO'S BEEN KIDNAPPING THOSE PEOPLE!
BONG

WHEN BILLY COMES TO HIS SENSES AGAIN, MANY HOURS HAVE ELAPSED!
HOLY MOLEY! THE WITCH PUT ME BACK IN MY OWN ROOM! IT'S MORNING ALREADY... THE MORNING OF CAPTAIN MARVEL'S WEDDING DAY!

CAPTAIN MARVEL

AT STATION WHIZ, PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE GREAT DAY!
DO YOU WANT THE 200-PIECE STUDIO ORCHESTRA FOR THE MUSIC, MR. MORRIS?
WHERE DO YOU WANT THESE, MR. MORRIS?
THE CATERER WANTS YOU, MR. MORRIS!
BE SURE EVERYTHING IS READY! WE WANT THE CEREMONY TO START ON TIME!
BUT MANY HOURS LATER...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S KEEPING THE GROOM! CAPTAIN MARVEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE HOURS AGO!
MORE TIME PASSES, AND FINALLY...
HELLO, EVERYBODY! SORRY I'M A LITTLE LATE!
A LITTLE LATE! WHY, IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT! START THE WEDDING AT ONCE!
DO YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL, TAKE THIS WOMAN...
I HOPE I'VE TIMED THIS RIGHT... JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS...
THE BIG BOOB HAD BETTER SAY "I DO" QUICK, OR...
...IT'S MIDNIGHT! I WANTED EVERYBODY TO SEE THIS, THEO! NOW THEY ALL WILL KNOW YOU'RE REALLY A WITCH AND WON'T THINK I'M A HEEL FOR NOT MARRYING YOU!
STOP THE WEDDING!
SKREECH
EEK!
LATER... THEY'VE TAKEN HER AWAY, CAPTAIN MARVEL! WHAT A HORRIBLE THING IT WAS TO SEE THAT BEAUTIFUL GIRL TURN INTO A WITCH AT MIDNIGHT!
I FOUND ALL THE PEOPLE SHE'D STOLEN AND RELEASED THEM! THEY'RE SAFE NOW!
THEO HAGGE, THE WITCH, HAD TAKEN ALL THOSE PEOPLE FROM THE KLEEN-SWEEP BROOM COMPANY TO A CAVE, WHERE SHE HAD PUT THEM TO WORK MAKING FLYING BROOMS! SHE WAS GOING TO START A NEW WAVE OF WITCHCRAFT AS SOON AS SHE HAD CAPTAIN MARVEL IN HER POWER, AND SHE NEEDED LOTS OF BROOMS FOR HER FUTURE SISTER WITCHES! BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW. THE WORLD IS SAFE ONCE MORE, AND SO IS CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WHIZ
I'M SURE GLAD TO KNOW THAT! WHEWW!
THE END.
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AS YOU SAW, THE LAST SHOW ENDED AT MIDNIGHT. WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME FOR A TALE OF THE SUPERNATURAL!
GHOSTLY TALES
ENTER, FRIEND! YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS A TALE OF SPECTERS AND PHANTOMS! WHAT? FRIGHTENED? DON'T BE! WHY, SOMETIMES A GHOST CAN BE YOUR BEST FRIEND..
Captain MARVEL and the HAUNTED GIRL!
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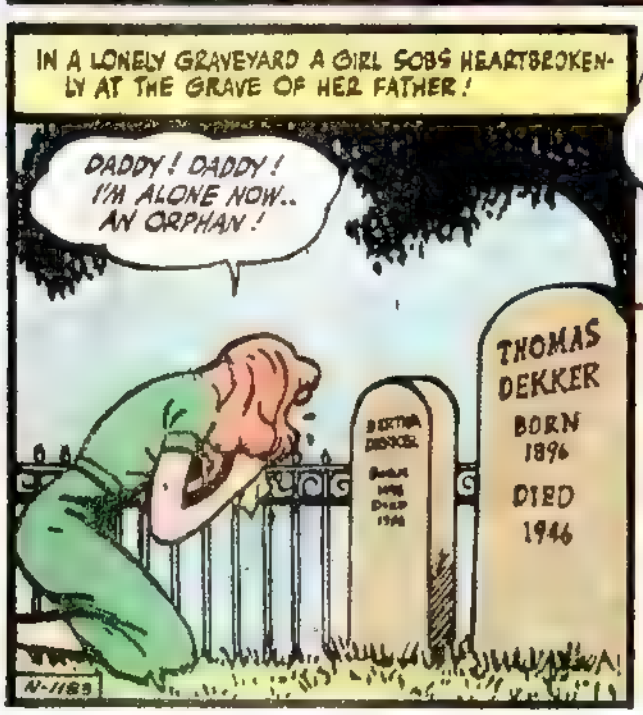
WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF LIFE AND DEATH? CAN A STRANGE GUARDIAN-SPIRIT COME BACK TO HOVER PROTECTINGLY AROUND A YOUNG GIRL? EVEN CAPT. MARVEL IS NOT SURE OF WHAT STRANGE THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS AS HE ENCOUNTERS THE HAUNTED GIRL!"


IN A LONELY GRAVEYARD A GIRL SOBS HEARTBROKENLY AT THE GRAVE OF HER FATHER!
DADDY! DADDY! I'M ALONE NOW.. AN ORPHAN!
THOMAS DEKKER BORN 1896 DIED 1946
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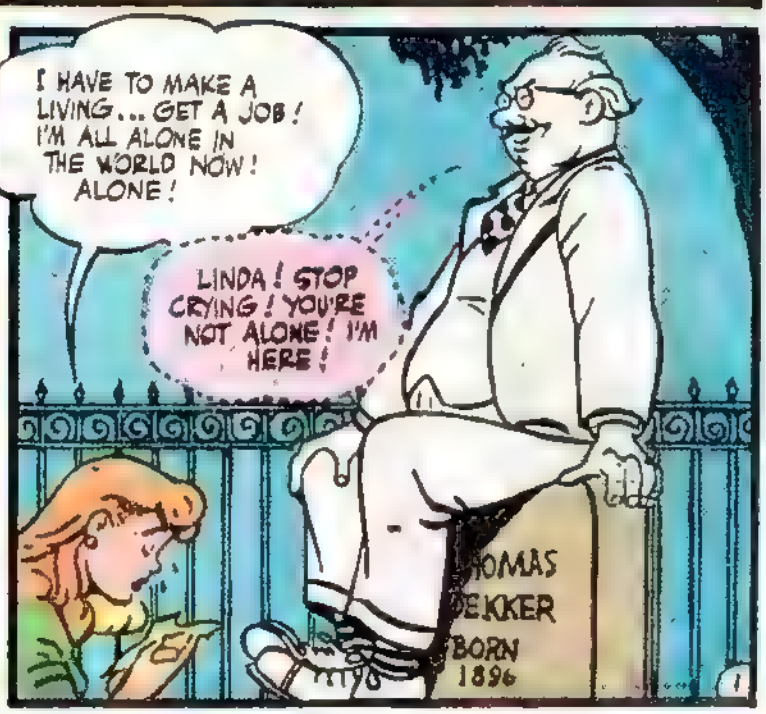
I HAVE TO MAKE A LIVING... GET A JOB! I'M ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD NOW! ALONE!
LINDA! STOP CRYING! YOU'RE NOT ALONE! I'M HERE!
HOMAS
EKKER
BORN
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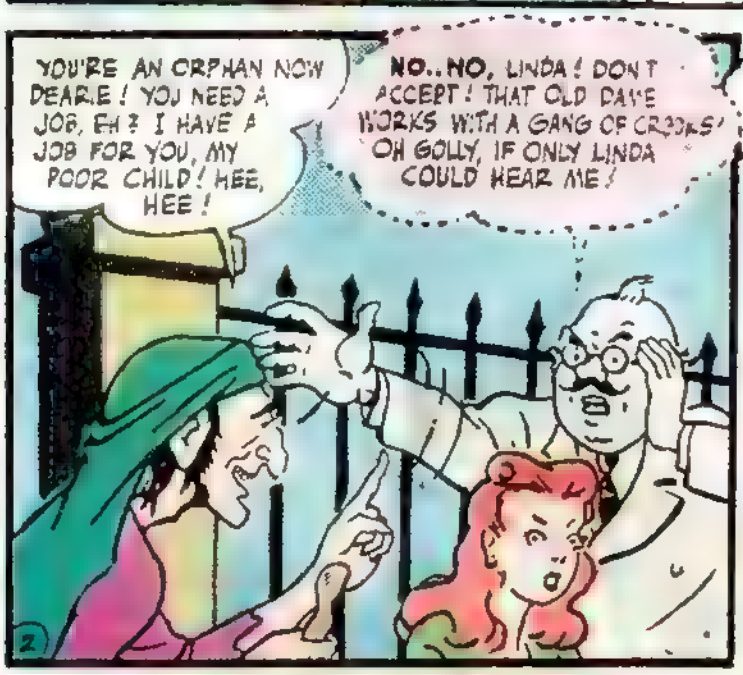
IT'S YOUR FATHER, LINDA! DON'T YOU HEAR ME, CHILD?
I'M ALL ALONE!
OH, I FORGOT! I'M JUST AN INVISIBLE GHOST! LINDA CAN'T SEE OR HEAR ME AT ALL! NOBODY CAN! BUT I'VE GOT TO HELP HER! ALL MY LIFE I WAS A SPENDTHRIFT, AND TOO HOT-TEMPERED TO HOLD A JOB! AND NOW, MY POOR DAUGHTER IS PENNILESS!
THAT'S WHY I CAME BACK.. TO HELP HER GET A JOB!
WELL, NO SENSE CRYING ALL DAY! I HAVE TO GO JOB-HUNTING!

AND UNAWARE THAT HER FATHER'S SPIRIT IS WITH HER, LIKE A GUARDIAN ANGEL, THE GIRL LEAVES THE CEMETERY
I TOOK SINGING LESSONS! PEOPLE SAY I HAVE A GOOD VOICE. MAYBE I CAN GET A JOB AS A SINGER!
ATTA GIRL, LINDA! YOU'LL GET THE JOB, OR SOMEBODY WILL ANSWER TO ME... THOMAS J. DEKKER.. ER... DECEASED!

OH DEAR E! WAIT A MINUTE!
WHY, IT'S MRS. GROGAN THE OLD LADY WHO LIVES NEAR ME!
WHAT DO YOU WANT, MRS GROGAN?


YOU'RE AN ORPHAN NOW DEAR.E! YOU NEED A JOB, EH? I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU, MY POOR CHILD! HEE, HEE!
NO..NO, LINDA! DON'T ACCEPT! THAT OLD DAVE WORKS WITH A GANG OF CROOKS! OH GOLLY, IF ONLY LINDA COULD HEAR ME!
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ER...THANKS MRS. GROGAN, BUT I'M GOING TO BE A SINGER!
THAT'S YOUR ANSWER, YOU OLD WITCH! AND DON'T BOTHER MY DAUGHTER AGAIN!
AWRK!

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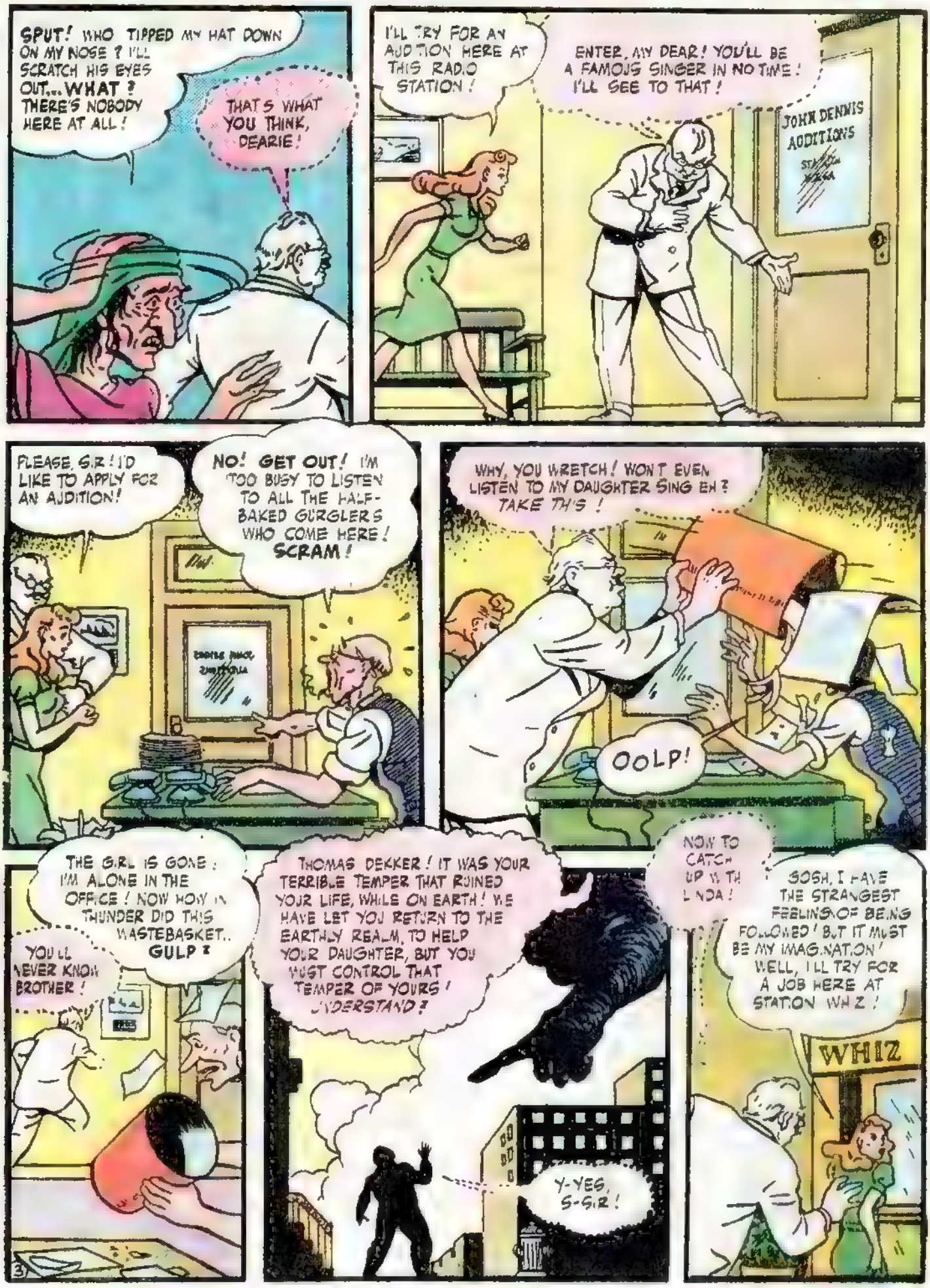
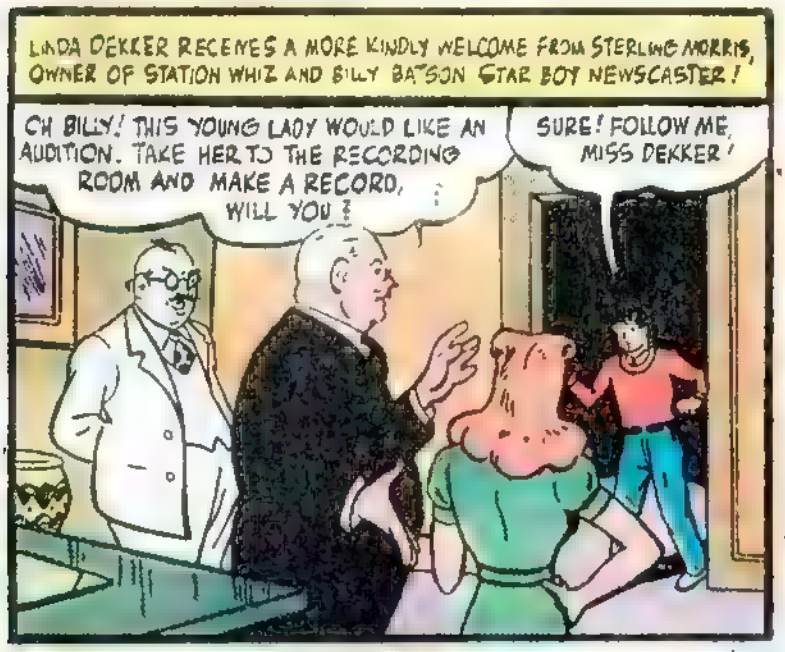
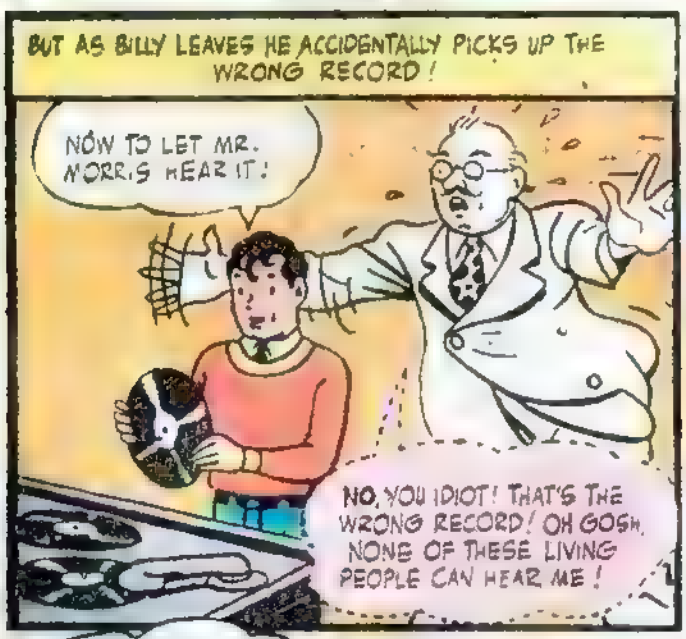
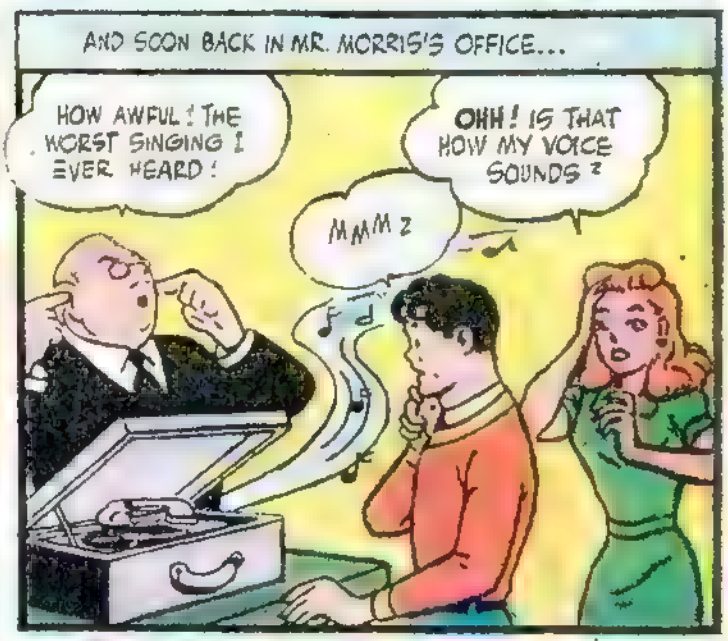
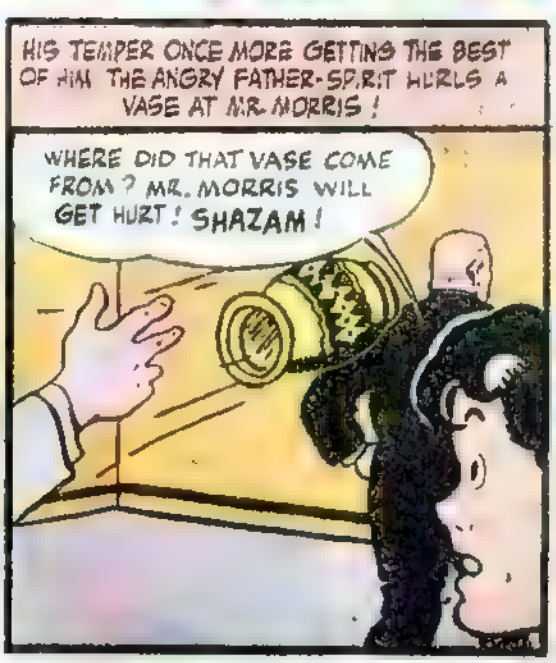

SPUT! WHO TIPPED MY HAT DOWN ON MY NOSE? I'LL SCRATCH HIS EYES OUT... WHAT? THERE'S NOBODY HERE AT ALL!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, DEARIE!
I'LL TRY FOR AN AUDITION HERE AT THIS RADIO STATION!
ENTER, MY DEAR! YOU'LL BE A FAMOUS SINGER IN NO TIME! I'LL SEE TO THAT!
JOHN DENNIS AUDITIONS
PLEASE, SIR! I'D LIKE TO APPLY FOR AN AUDITION!
NO! GET OUT! I'M TOO BUSY TO LISTEN TO ALL THE HALF-BAKED GURGLERS WHO COME HERE! SCRAM!
WHY, YOU WRETCH! WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO MY DAUGHTER SING EH? TAKE THIS!
OOLP!
THE GIRL IS GONE! I'M ALONE IN THE OFFICE! NOW HOW IN THUNDER DID THIS WASTEBASKET.. GULP!
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW BROTHER!
THOMAS DEKKER! IT WAS YOUR TERRIBLE TEMPER THAT RUINED YOUR LIFE, WHILE ON EARTH! WE HAVE LET YOU RETURN TO THE EARTHLY REALM, TO HELP YOUR DAUGHTER, BUT YOU MUST CONTROL THAT TEMPER OF YOURS! UNDERSTAND?
Y-YES, S-SIR!
NOW TO CATCH UP WITH LINDA!
GOSH, I HAVE THE STRANGEST FEELING OF BEING FOLLOWED! BUT IT MUST BE MY IMAGINATION! WELL, I'LL TRY FOR A JOB HERE AT STATION WHIZ!
WHIZ

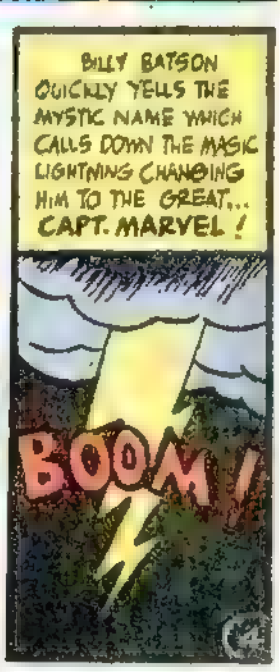
CAPTAIN MARVEL


LINDA DEKKER RECEIVES A MORE KINDLY WELCOME FROM STERLING MORRIS, OWNER OF STATION WHIZ AND BILLY BATSON STAR BOY NEWSCASTER!
OH BILLY! THIS YOUNG LADY WOULD LIKE AN AUDITION. TAKE HER TO THE RECORDING ROOM AND MAKE A RECORD, WILL YOU?
SURE! FOLLOW ME, MISS DEKKER!


BUT AS BILLY LEAVES HE ACCIDENTALLY PICKS UP THE WRONG RECORD!
NOW TO LET MR. MORRIS HEAR IT!
NO, YOU IDIOT! THAT'S THE WRONG RECORD! OH GOSH, NONE OF THESE LIVING PEOPLE CAN HEAR ME!




HIS TEMPER ONCE MORE GETTING THE BEST OF HIM THE ANGRY FATHER-SPIRIT HURLS A VASE AT MR. MORRIS!
WHERE DID THAT VASE COME FROM? MR. MORRIS WILL GET HURT! SHAZAM!


BILLY BATSON QUICKLY YELLS THE MYSTIC NAME WHICH CALLS DOWN THE MAGIC LIGHTNING CHANGING HIM TO THE GREAT... CAPT. MARVEL!
BOOM!

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GOOD HEAVENS! WHO THREW THAT VASE AT ME?
WHOEVER IT WAS I'LL MAKE HIM... HOLY MOLEY, THERE'S NOBODY ELSE HERE!
SAYS YOU!
BUT SOMEBODY MUST HAVE THROWN THAT VASE! IF I COULD LAY MY HANDS ON THE CULPRIT, I'D...
YOU'D DO WHAT, BIG BOY?
OH, WELL! I'M JUST TALKING TO THIN AIR! THAT RECORD SOUNDED FUNNY TO BILLY THOUGH! MAYBE HE MADE A MISTAKE AND PLAYED THE WRONG ONE!
OH CURSES! THAT WAS JUST MY TERRIBLE TEMPER AGAIN! THESE PEOPLE MEAN WELL! IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE!
CAPT. MARVEL QUICKLY DISCOVERS THE ERROR AND SOON RECTIFIES IT!
JUST AS I THOUGHT! THAT OTHER RECORD WAS MADE BY MADAME SCREECHINI, WHO CAME FOR AN AUDITION YESTERDAY! THIS IS THE RIGHT RECORD!
AH, NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEPLACE! I GUESS THIS BIG RED FELLOW IS OKAY!
WHY, THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL VOICE! I'LL GIVE THAT GIRL A JOB!
THERE'S ONLY ONE TROUBLE, MR. MORRIS!... THE GIRL IS GONE! AND SHE DIDN'T LEAVE HER ADDRESS!
OH GOLLY! WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?

THEY'VE GOT TO TRACE LINDA! I KNOW... I CAN WRITE OUT THE ADDRESS!
BUT LOOK! THE GIRL DID LEAVE HER ADDRESS AFTER ALL!
GOOD! IT'S TOO LATE TO BRING HER BACK TODAY, BUT BILLY CAN DROP BY TOMORROW AND BRING HER TO THE STATION!
HA, WE GHOSTS ARE CLEVER!
LATER, AT THE GIRL'S ROOM...
IF ONLY I COULD TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO LINDA.. HEY! SHE'S NOT HERE! WHERE DID SHE GO?
THERE SHE IS DOWN ON THE STREET! BUT WHAT'S SHE DOING AT THAT PAWN SHOP?
I'VE BEEN TURNED DOWN AT TWO JOBS! I HATE TO DO IT, BUT I HAVE TO PAWN MOTHER'S WEDDING-RING!
JOE'S LU
MY POOR CHILD! IF YOU ONLY KNEW THAT A JOB IS WAITING FOR YOU AT STATION WHIZ!
HELLO DEARIE! I SEE YOU NEED MONEY? WHY NOT TAKE THE JOB I OFFERED?
BUT.. BUT WHAT IS THE JOB?
A VERY EASY ONE, DEARIE! JUST STAND AT THIS CORNER TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT! HERE'S YOUR PAY IN ADVANCE!
WELL.. ALL RIGHT! I DO NEED THE MONEY!
YOU OLD WITCH! FOR TWO CENTS I'D.. NO I HAVE TO CONTROL MY TEMPER! IT ALWAYS LEADS TO TROUBLE! BUT I'LL FOLLOW HER AND SEE WHAT THEY'VE COOKED UP FOR LINDA!
FOR SALE
HEE HEE, HEE!

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SHE FELL FOR IT, BOSS! SHE TOOK THE JOB! SHE'LL BE AT THE CORNER TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT!
GOOD!
NOW LOOK, GUYS - HERE'S WHAT YOU DO! YOU ROB DA TIFFAN JEWEL SHOP TONIGHT! DEN YOU QUICK PASS OVER DA LOOT TO DA G'RL! SHE'S SO PURE AND INNOCENT-LOOKING DAT DA COPS WON'T BOTHER HER AT ALL! DEN WHEN DA HEAT'S OFF, YOU GET DA JEWELS BACK FROM DA G'RL AN' BRING DEM HERE TO ME!
YES, VERY CLEAR, YOU SCOUNDREL! MY DAUGHTER IS TO RECEIVE STOLEN GOODS! SHE'LL BE LAUNCHED ON A CRIMINAL CAREER
ALL CLEAR, BOYS?
I OUGHT TO TAKE THAT GUN AND... BUT NO! I'VE GOT TO GO AND SAVE LINDA FROM THIS TREACHEROUS TRAP.
IT'S EARLY, BUT I WANT TO DO THIS NEW JOB OF MINE WELL! I'LL BE READY AT THIS CORNER AT MIDNIGHT!
LINDA!
SO AWAY LINDA! THEY'RE GOING TO PASS STOLEN GOODS TO YOU... OH SHE CAN'T HEAR ME! BUT I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING....
I'VE GOT IT! I'LL GET THE HELP OF BILLY BATSON, AND CAPT. MARVEL!

CAPTAIN MARVEL

NOBODY AROUND, HONEY!
I'LL GO TO STATION WHIZ AND FIND OUT WHERE BILLY LIVES!
AH, THERE HE IS...ASLEEP!
NO USE TRYING TO WAKE HIM! I COULDN'T DO IT! BUT I CAN OPERATE THIS TYPEWRITER!
UH EH? DID I HEAR MY TYPEWRITER GOING?
HE WOKE UP! AND NOW HE'LL READ THE MESSAGE.
NOBODY AROUND BUT HOLY MOLEY HOW DID THIS MESSAGE GET HERE?
Dear Billy! Linda Dearing is in trouble! Please help her! Hurry to the corner of Main and Tenth! A Friend!
LINDA IN TROUBLE? ...SHAZAM!
HURRAY! HERE COMES CAPT. MARVEL! I SAW BILLY CHANGE BEFORE AT STATION WHIZ!
ONCE AGAIN A BLAST OF MAGIC LIGHTNING BRINGS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
BOOM!
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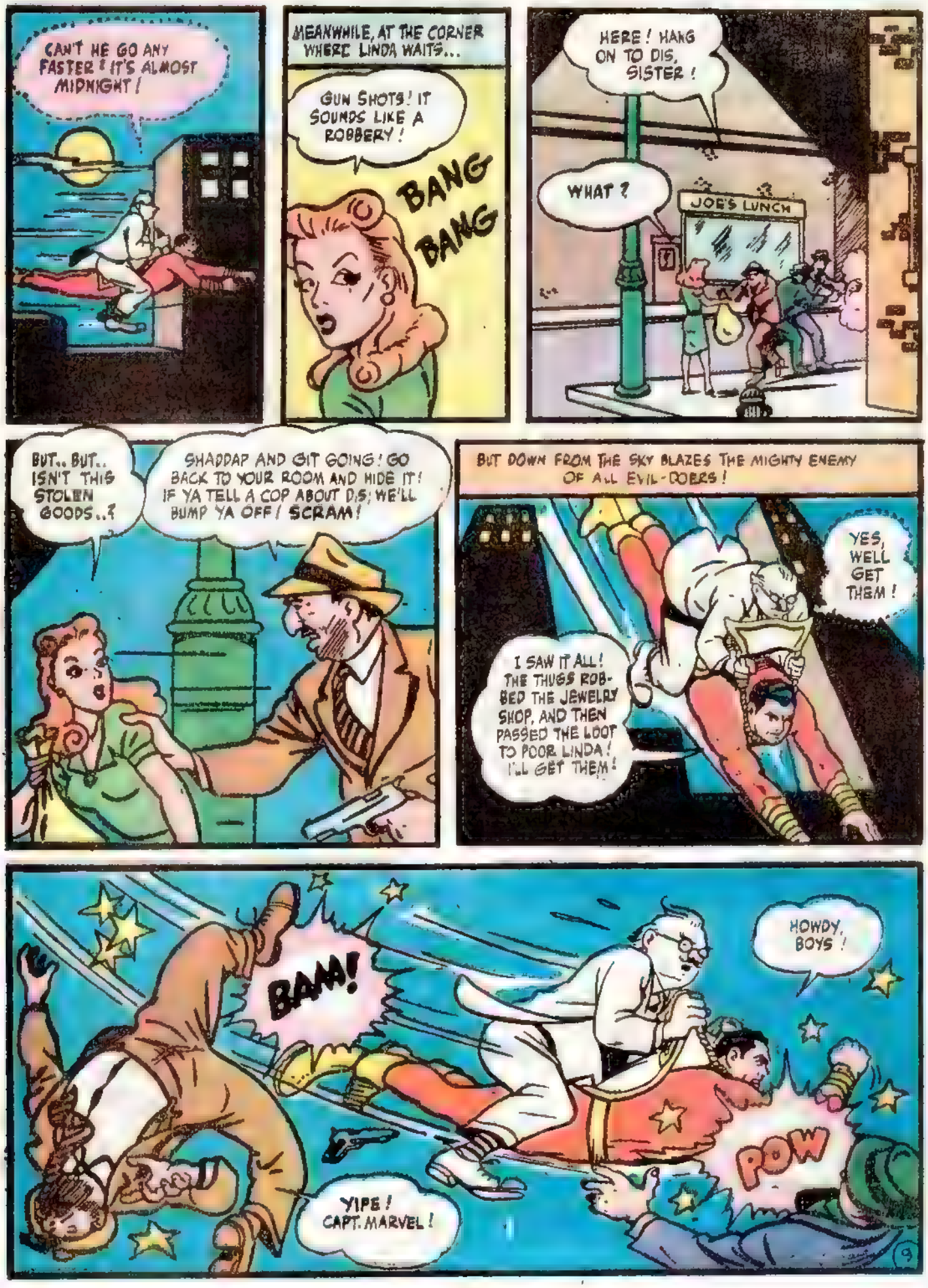

CAN'T HE GO ANY FASTER ? IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT !
MEANWHILE, AT THE CORNER WHERE LINDA WAITS...
GUN SHOTS ! IT SOUNDS LIKE A ROBBERY !
BANG BANG
HERE ! HANG ON TO DIS, SISTER !
WHAT ?
JOE'S LUNCH
BUT.. BUT.. ISN'T THIS STOLEN GOODS..?
SHADDAP AND GIT GOING ! GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM AND HIDE IT ! IF YA TELL A COP ABOUT DIS, WE'LL BUMP YA OFF ! SCRAM !
BUT DOWN FROM THE SKY BLAZES THE MIGHTY ENEMY OF ALL EVIL-DOERS !
YES, WELL GET THEM !
I SAW IT ALL ! THE THUGS ROBBED THE JEWELRY SHOP, AND THEN PASSED THE LOOT TO POOR LINDA ! I'LL GET THEM !
BAM!
HOWDY, BOYS !
POW
YIPE ! CAPT. MARVEL !

CAPTAIN MARVEL

ATTA BOY! GIVE HIM ONE FOR ME NOW!

NOW GET THIS ONE RIGHT ON THE BUTTON!

HERE THEY ARE, OFFICER THE JEWEL ROBBERS!

JOE'S LUNCH

GREAT CAPT MARVEL! BUT SAY WHERE'S THE LOOT?

LOOK! THIS GIRL HAS IT! SHE WAS THEIR ACCOMPLICE!

HOLY MOLEY! AOH WHAT?

OH HEAVENS! NOW LINDA WILL BE ARRESTED!

BUT CAPT. MARVEL'S LIGHTNING-LIKE MIND QUICKLY FASHIONS AN EXCUSE!

WAIT! DON'T BE SILLY OFFICER THIS GIRL WAS JUST HOLDING THE LOOT FOR ME WHILE I CLEANED UP ON THEM!

WHAT A BRAIN! WHAT A BRAIN! THAT CLEARS LINDA!

LATER ..

CAPT. MARVEL NABS JEWEL THIEVES!
YOUNG GIRL AIDS MIGHTIEST MORTAL!

THE NEWS COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GANG LEADER....

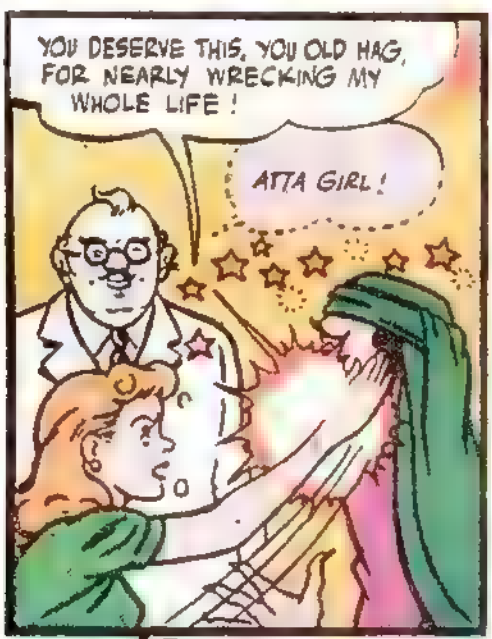
SO DAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO MY MEN LAST NIGHT EH? DA GIRL DOUBLE-CROSSED ME AND CALLED IN CAPT. MARVEL!

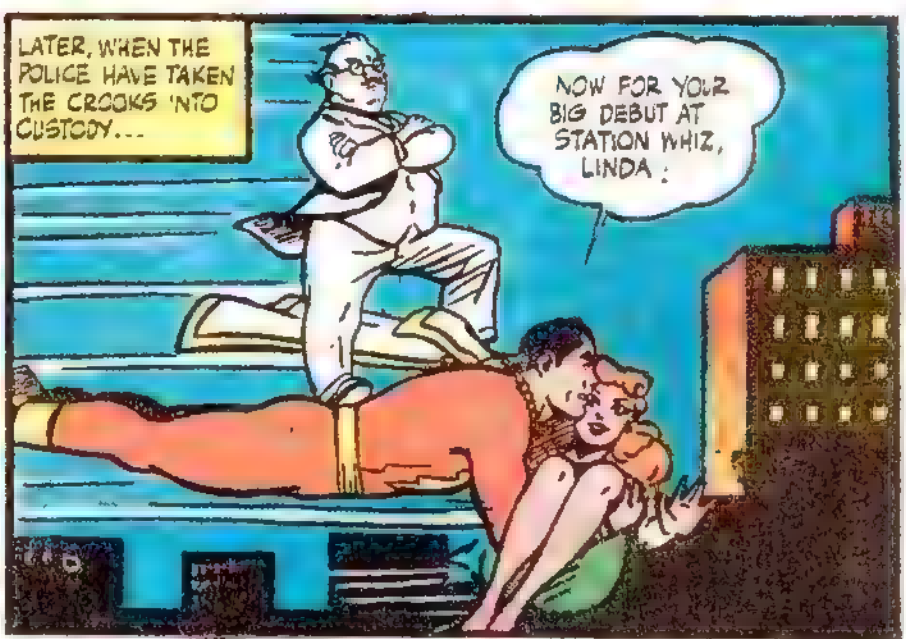
WE'LL FIX THEIR WAGONS, EH BOSS?

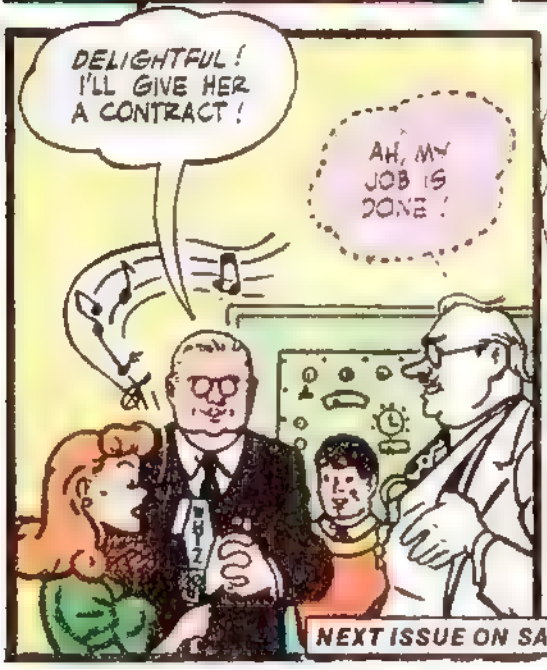
SUPER-SPECTACULAR SHAZAM!

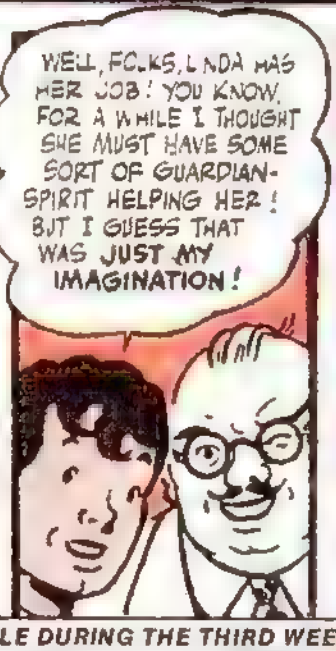
LATER, BILLY BATSON CALLS AT LINDA DEKKER'S ROOM TO BRING HER TO STATION WHIZ.
HOW CAN I EVER THANK CAPT. MARVEL FOR SAVING ME LAST NIGHT?
DONT WORRY ABOUT THAT! I HAVE STILL BETTER NEWS! MR. MORRIS HAS A JOB FOR YOU! COME ALONG!
OH, HOW WONDERFUL! I'LL BE A SINGER AT STATION WHIZ!
LINDA! BILLY! LOOK OUT!
WE GOT 'EM!
YES! HEE, HEE!
SHAZ..MFFF!
LATER...
YA AIN'T GONNA TAKE NO JOB AT A RADIO STATION, GIRLEY! I'M GONNA SLICE YA BOTH UP!
HOLY MOLEY! NO CHANCE TO GET MY GAG OFF! AND HERE COMES THE KNIFE...SLOWLY! HE'S TORTURING ME WITH SUSPENSE!
IT WOULD-TAKE A MIRACLE TO GET MY GAG OFF NOW! AND MIRACLES JUST DON'T HAPPEN! GULP!
I HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH THAT KNOT BUT NOW...!
HOLY MOLEY! THE MIRACLE HAPPENED! SHAZAM!
BOOM!

CAPTAIN MARVEL








WELL, FOLKS, LINDA HAS HER JOB ! YOU KNOW, FOR A WHILE I THOUGHT SHE MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF GUARDIAN-SPIRIT HELPING HER ! BUT I GUESS THAT WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION !

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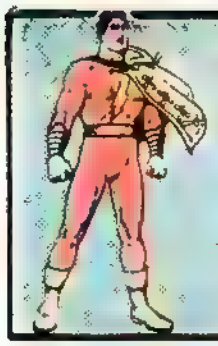

SHAZAMAIL!

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Dear Editor(s):

When I first heard that **Lex Luther** was to fight **Captain Marvel,** I gritted my teeth and said, "It can't be done!" **How wrong I was!** Denny O'Neil handled the story ("Captain Marvel Meets Lex Luthor"—**Shazam** #15) beautifully (as usual). I always enjoy **Mr. Mind,** but I wish he would get back into his old army outfit with the many medals (that's a worm with class). Of course, **Lex** and **Mr. Mind** shoud go well together, since they are both **worms!** Tex Blaisdell's inking on Bob Oksner's pencils produced a unique look which I rather like

Of course, I must comment on "The Man in the Paper Armor!" E. Nelson Bridwell's script was perfect (although I wish **Freddy Freeman** would stop starting the story with "Dear Diary." That is for prissy girls, not men's journals). Kurt Schaffenberger makes **Captain Marvel Jr./Freddy Freeman** as good-looking a young man as he makes **Mary Batson/Mary Marvel** a good-looking chick (and that's saying a heck of a lot)

All in all, a very good issue

David Finger, Wilmington, Del.

(The formula for having FREDDY start his entries with "Dear Diary" began in the early CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. stories, 'way back in 1941! You're the first who ever complained about it.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Julie:

As Earths Two, Three and X are equivalent to Earth-One, there is another side to the logical, universal coin . . . the illogical universe. Let us examine the characteristics of both worlds.

The logical Earth-One: Science is in the majority, magic in the minority. Most of the super-heroes on this world were created by logical events or scientific phenomena. This is the home of the **Justice League** and other logical super-heroes. On this Earth there exists a best-selling comic about an **Alice-in-Wonderland** type of universe Its name is **Shazam!**

The illogical Earth-One: Geographically and historically it is the same as the logical Earth-I. But here, magic and science are almost equal, with a little more emphasis on magic. The ridiculous and insane are everyday life. It is a fantasy world, the world of **Captain Marvel** and the other Fawcett heroes. On this world there is a best-selling magazine about a totally logical universe that could not exist. Its name is **Superman.**

What one would deem logical on one of these Earths would be illogical on the other. Each has had thoughts of the other and has written stories about it in comic form. Yet neither dreamed the other could even exist.

Until **Shazam** #15!

Lex Luthor created the magic accumulator, a machine of science (logic) to extract magic (illogic) from the very air itself, his intention being to wipe out **Superman.** It was also a transporter that could zip him to the illogical universe . . . a logical and illogical bridge.

But only if he blasted a product of that illogic with the magic in the accumulator.

That's when he spotted that **Shazam** comic Unwittingly, he blasted the comic

The rest you know.

Luthor found himself out of place. To **Billy Batson,** a logical being in **his** world, **Luthor** was a comic character come to life, if **Billy** knew who he was at all

At the end of the story, **Luthor,** with the magic of the illogical Earth in the accumulator, pointed the device at himself and was returned to his own world. He was his own means to return to his Earth.

Denny O'Neil has discovered the key to the gateway on either side of which the worlds of **Superman** and **Captain Marvel** coexist. I hope you will use it wisely and not let the accumulator be destroyed, because you have found the perfect way for any of the DC heroes to team up with the **Shazam Family.**

I hope I've tied up some loose ends that Denny accidentally left untied. And after seeing a short preview of the **Shazam** TV show, I wish you all the luck in the world on helping develop it

Mark Dooley, Columbus, Ind

(Thanks—and what a letter you wrote! One point, though—it would be too confusing to have two Earth-Ones, so maybe we should call the SHAZAM planet Earth-S. Okay?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Nels:

You might let **Shazam's** readers know there really is a station WHIZ-TV in Zanesville, Ohio. I appeared on it once, on a local series called **High School Honor Society** (sort of a HS version of **College Bowl**). There was also a real person named **Shazam**—I came across it in the **Guiness Book of Olympic Records.** He was a Russian athlete. Unfortunately, I can't find the book to confirm the date or his event. Although I speak most of the Romance languages, I don't know any Slavic tongues, so I can't say if **Shazam** is a common name in Russian

John Pierce, Columbus, Ohio

(You undoubtedly refer to SHAZAM SAFIN, who won the Gold Medal in Greco-Roman Lightweight Wrestling in 1952.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Shazammers:

My name is **Billy Batson** and I am a proud owner of a Golden Age **Captain Marvel** adventure

If is the July, 1943 issue of **Whiz Comics (#44)** and it features "The Life Story of Captain Marvel." It is the high point of my **Shazam** collection and it is extremely funny.

I buy two copies of **Shazam**, one for me and one for a friend. Every time I give it to him, he calls me **Captain Marvel**. I even have a red-and-gold shirt and blue pants like my comic book counterpart. Holy Moley!

Billy Batson, Methuen, Mass.

(Have you come across any abandoned subway tunnels with statues of the SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES in them lately?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Julie:

Ah, that Denny O'Neil! Way back about 5 or 6 years ago, he wrote a handful of the best (and funniest) camp-humor stories ever published in a comic mag. And after the camp era died, he wrote (and writes) the best straight adventure stories possible. But somewhere deep in the dark mind of Denny, in between the mysterious **Shadow** adventures and the complicated **JLA** stories, lies a little voice of camp that wants to just burst out! And "Captain Marvel Meets Lex Luthor" let that voice be heard! It was the funniest DC story I ever read!

And Bob Oksner! Oh, what I wouldn't give to have the original of panel one, page four! It was superb!

So until the **Big Red Cheese** smells like limburger—make mine **Marvel (Captain**, that is)!

Chris Padovano, Sayreville, N.J.

(Yes, we think Denny's a good scout—he certainly knows how to pitch camp!—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Every issue of **Shazam** has been great! The new story in #15 was good, but please don't use **Superman** again. You made clear the difference between **Superman's** world and **Captain Marvel's**, but **Luthor** and **Mr. Mind??**

Our Comic Art Club at school all agree that **Captain Marvel** is better than the **Man of Steel**. We noticed that a majority of your letter contributors are of the older set. Don't forget us. Also, any comic book that can hold the attention of my 7-year-old brother is destined to be a bestseller. **Shazam** is!

Francis Sahai, Scotch Plains, N.J.

(We haven't forgotten you—and your letter is the proof!—E.N.B.)

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Dear Nelson:

Well, you warned me what to expect when I was at DC last week, but I must say that "Captain Marvel Meets Lex Luthor" turned out even better than you'd described it! It's incredible how Denny O'Neil continues to think of new and imaginative plots—though admittedly, the death-trap was much like the one **The Joker** used on **The Batman** last year, the escape was totally different. And it's about time your villains started forcing the change themselves rather than relying on **Captain Marvel's** inexplicable predilection for changing to Billy unnecessarily!

Luthor himself came through very well, considering that Denny had never touched him before. Any errors in personality were less noticeable here than in a **Superman** story, so it turned out rather well for all concerned.

Although reprint collections with a theme don't always work, **Shazam** always seems to—perhaps because of the endless variety of tales available. This issue's reprints were no exception. I especially like "Sivana's Good Inventions" and the **Marvel Family** story. It's incredible how much plot they managed to get into 17 pages.

I suspect you even wrote "The Man in the Paper Armor" to fit in with the theme. It was very much in the style of the old **Captain Marvel Jr.** stories—not too unbelievable, and realistically illustrated.

Rich Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(Fact is, Rich, I didn't write the "Paper Armor" story to fit the theme. I actually DREAMED the plot! But both new stories in our last issue WERE written to fit the SEVEN DEADLY ENEMIES theme.—E.N.B.)

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Dear E.N.B.:

Denny O'Neil is by far the best scripter **Shazam** has, a fact made amusing because O'Neil made a name for himself by writing socially relevant, three-dimensional shockers that revolutionized (if only for a short time) the entire comics world. However, a good writer is a versatile writer, and it seems to me that Denny is the only one you have who really understands the **Marvel Family's** formula for success . . . super-heroics with a twist. He knows what's right for every situation.

"Captain Marvel Meets Lex Luthor" was the kind of novelty fare that should be regularly offered in this magazine. The mag has no discernable boundaries, so why not do everything with it? The story was well-written and very interesting, though if **Luthor** had half the brains he is supposed to have, he would have stopped in at a drugstore and bought a copy of **Superman**, thereby finding out his foe's much-guarded secret identity.

"The Man in the Paper Armor" was also good, and the best thing you could do with **Shazam** would be to keep marvelous Kurt Schaffenberger in every issue.

Bob Rodi, Oak Brook, Ill.

(It happens LUTHOR did get a SUPERMAN comic. But he saw CLARK KENT changing to SUPERMAN and decided the comics on that world were as ridiculous as everything else.—E.N.B.)

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And in conclusion, here's the issue's reprint rundown: "Captain Marvel Sails before the Mast" first appeared in MARVEL FAMILY #41, Nov., 1949; "The Idol of Vengeance"—MF #7, Dec., 1946; "Captain Marvel Gets Promoted"—CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES #53, Feb. 1, 1946; "Jives Becomes a Jockey"—MF #33, Mar., 1949; "The Curse of the Black Thumb"—CMA #129, Feb., 1952; "Captain Marvel's Wedding"—CMA #150, Nov., 1953; "The Haunted Girl"—CMA #57, Mar. 29, 1946.

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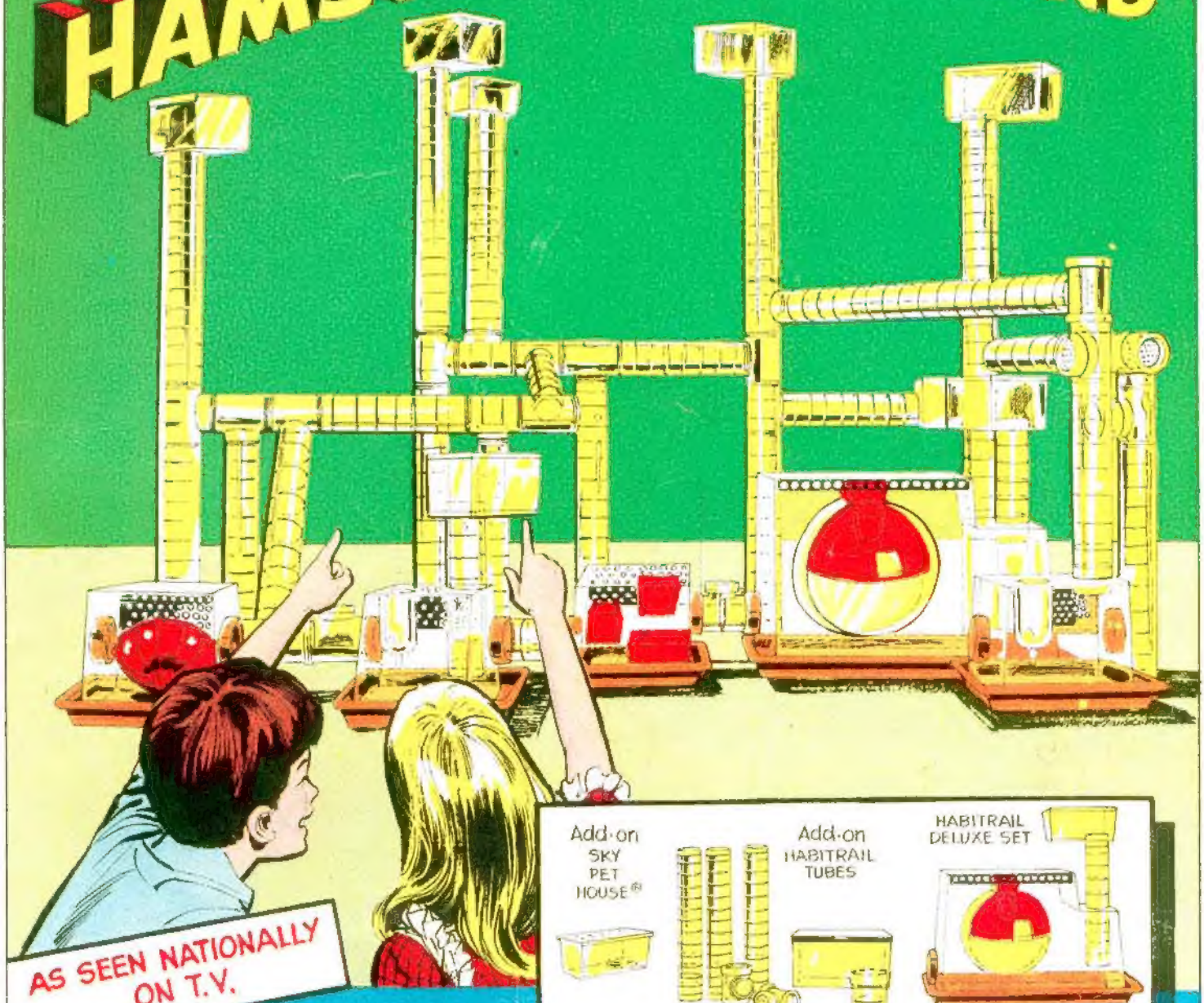

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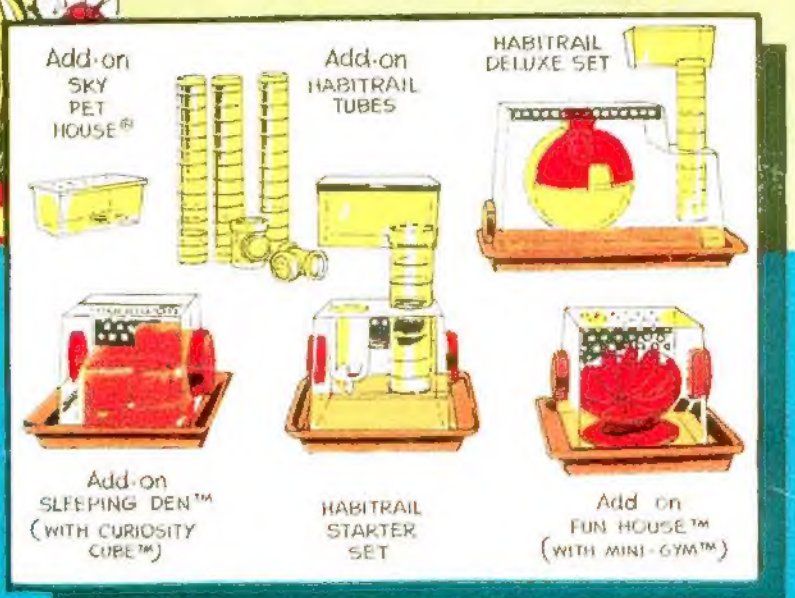
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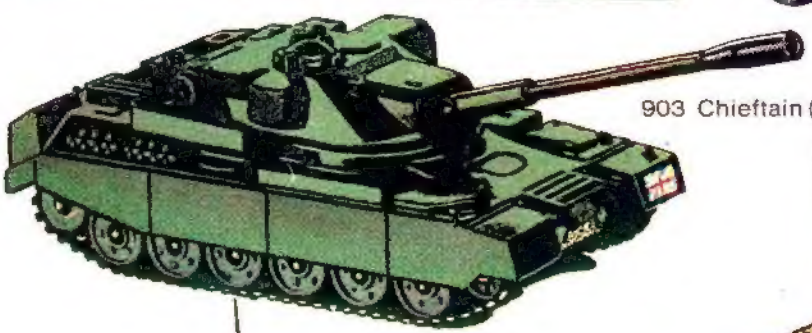

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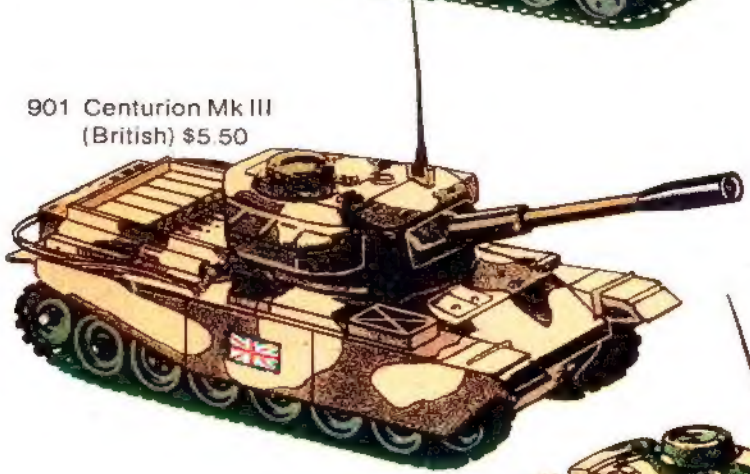

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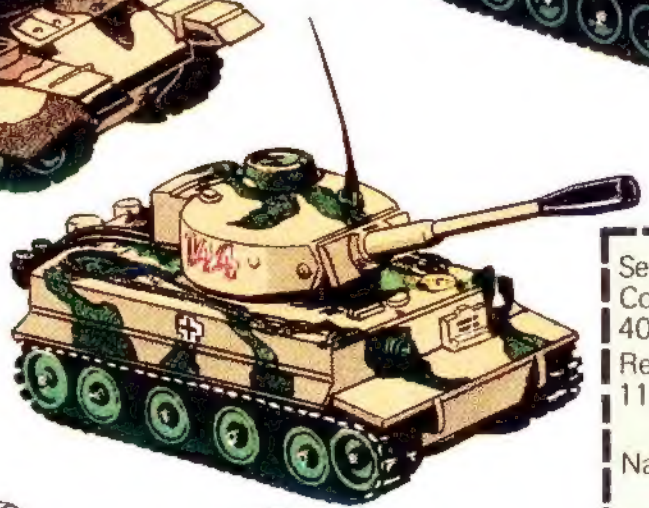

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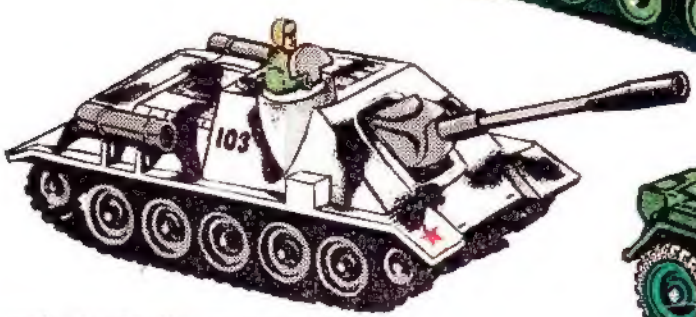

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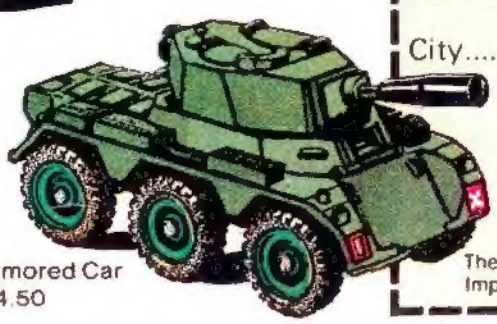

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